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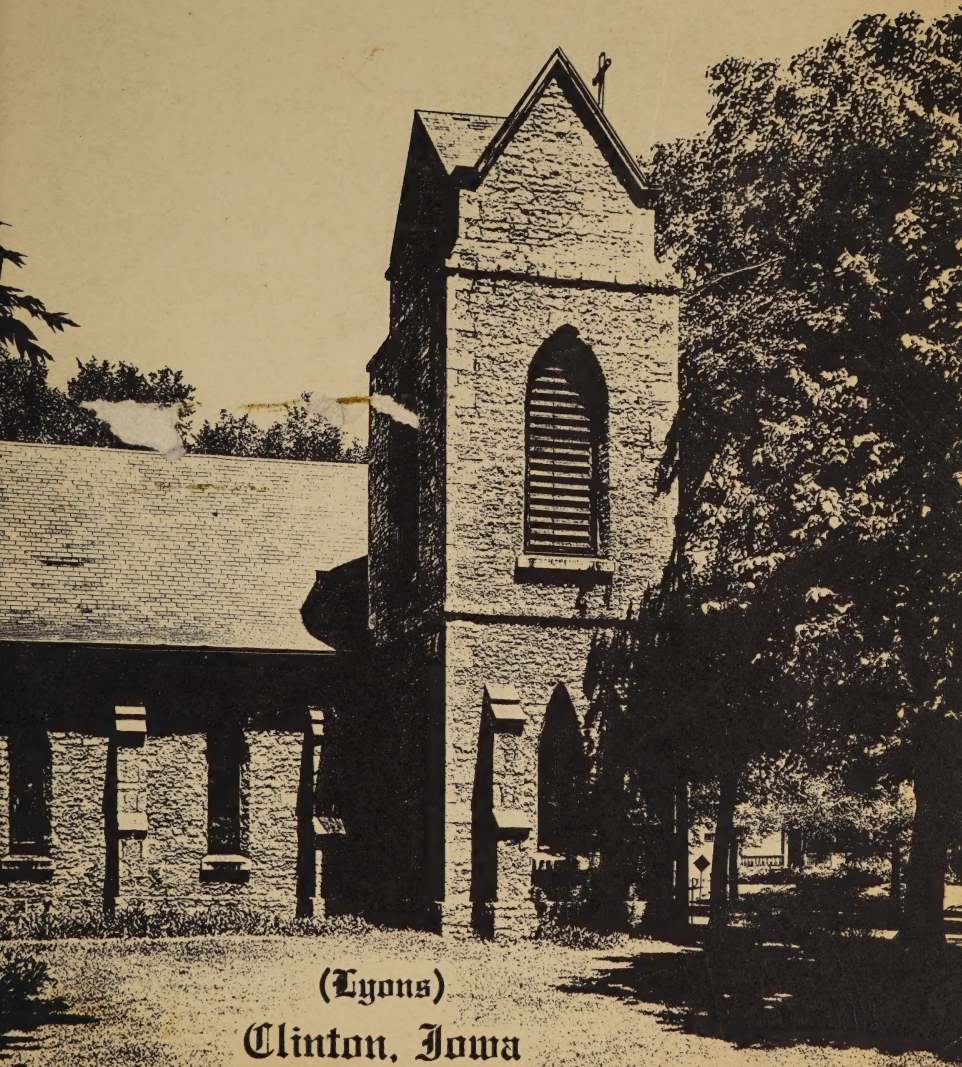
Grace Episcopal Church



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One Hundredth Anniversary

1855-1955



(Lyons)

Clinton, Iowa

LET THY BLESSING REST UPON US

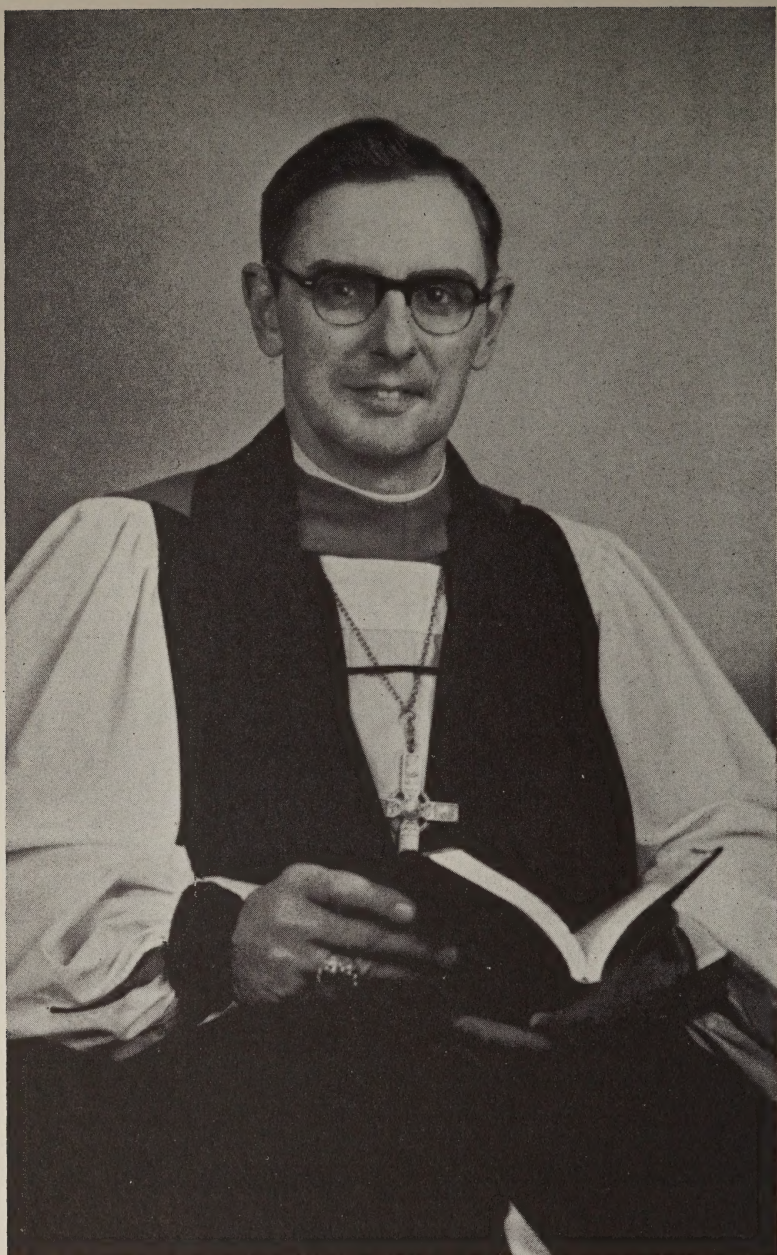
Let Thy blessing rest upon this church, O Lord.
Out from the by-roads, out of our care-filled days
We come, an earnest throng, to hear Thy word,
To offer Thee our sincere, heartfelt praise.
We come to seek Thy steadfast guiding power,
We come to lay our burdens at Thy feet;
We seek the calming quiet of this hour
Away from the clamoring throng, the crowded street.

Let Thy blessing rest upon this church, we pray,
Upon a people in their vital need;
Be Thou our helper, be our guide and stay,
And be our wine, the bread on which we feed.
Lord God, for every church in every land,
We crave a blessing from Thy mighty hand.

Grace Roll Crowell



"By God's grace, we shall restore the tabernacle, we shall strengthen the beams and bars that support her towers, we shall beautify and adorn her sanctuary and make a Temple worthy of the Son of God."



The Right Reverend Gordon V. Smith

The Diocese of Iowa

225 THIRTY-SEVENTH STREET

DES MOINES 12, IOWA

Right Reverend Gordon V. Smith, S. T. D.

Dear members of Grace Church:

It gives me great pleasure to pay this inadequate tribute of appreciation to the Reverend Frederick G. Williams who has served as Rector of Grace Church, Clinton, for almost one-third of its history.

Father Williams is a Priest of deep devotion, complete consecration and unswerving loyalty to his Lord and His Church. All the attributes that have characterized Father Williams' ministry the most noted is that he has always been a true pastor. His concern for and service to those committed to his care has been in the finest Christian tradition. In his quiet and effective way the Rev. F. G. Williams has been a most faithful Father in God.

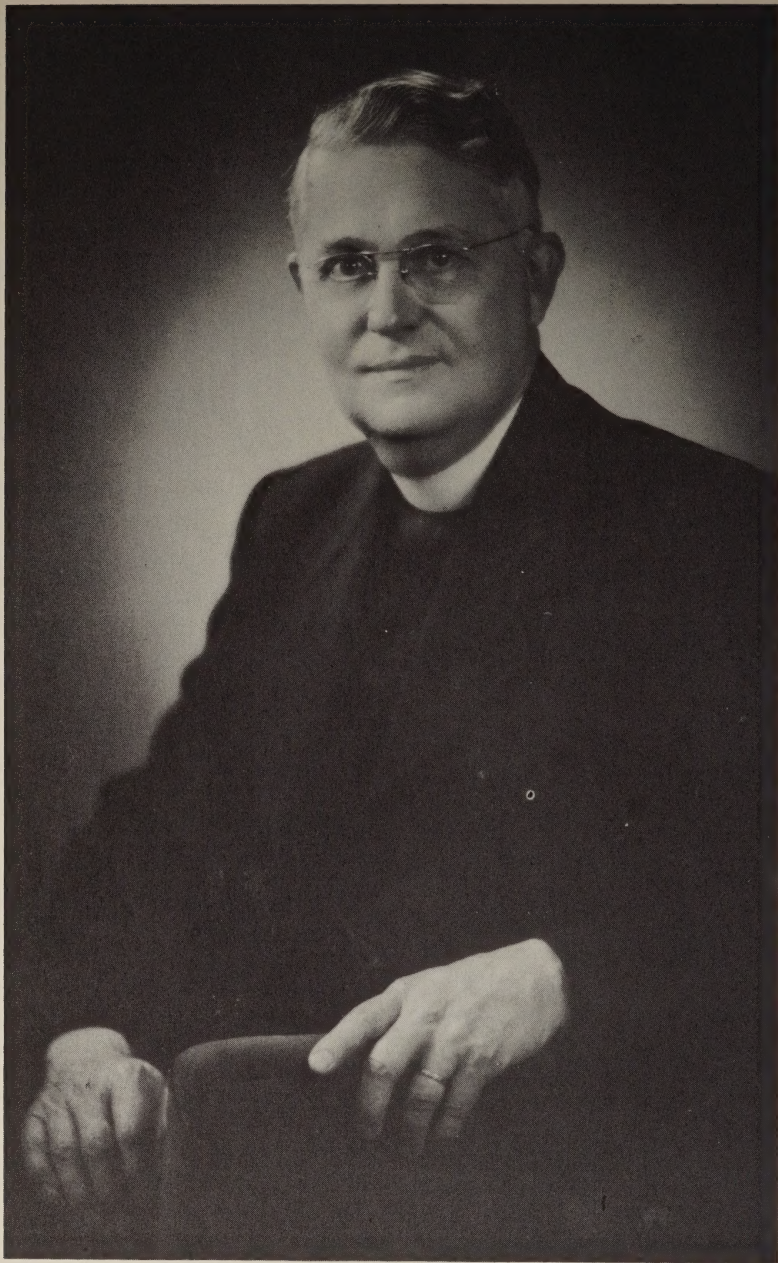
In 1953 Father Williams was honored by the Diocese of Iowa by being made an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral in recognition of his service to the Diocese over many years. This year he was again honored by election and acclamation to General Conventions. Thus his ministry is recognized not only by the members of Grace Church, but also by his many admirers throughout Iowa, both clergy and lay.

May God continue to bless this faithful servant in the years to come. I am it may be truly said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Faithfully yours,

Gordon V. Smith
Bishop of Iowa

8/15/55



The Reverend Frederic G. Williams,
Canon

Foreword

The committee appointed to compile the history of Grace Church for the hundredth anniversary used the following sources for information:

GRACE CHURCH - Fiftieth Anniversary
PARISH REGISTER

Minutes of Vestry Meetings

The Rector's Letters

Quotations are from the above sources.

If the material for the first fifty years seems somewhat more complete historically, it is due to the fact that the information available for the later period is slightly less definite and meagre, as the foundation of the parish had been substantially laid during the earlier years of the Church's existence.

Rectors of Grace Episcopal Church

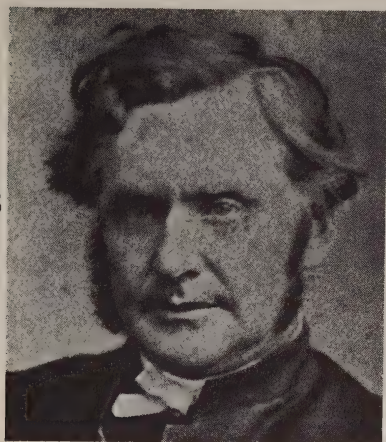
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The Reverend Geo. W. Watson	1860-1866
The Reverend Henry Adams	1866-1868
The Reverend Lyman N. Freeman	1868-1870
The Reverend A. P. Crouch	1870-1873
The Reverend Samuel Currie	1875-1880
The Reverend William T. Currie	1880-1885
The Reverend T. J. Brookes	1885-1888
The Reverend R. B. Whipple	1888-1889
The Reverend H. L. Gamble	1889-1890
The Reverend Geo. T. Griffith	1891-1892
The Reverend C. H. Weaver	1892-1894
The Reverend C. W. Tyler	1894-1901
The Reverend T. W. Jones	1901-1910
The Reverend W. S. Leete	1911-1913
The Reverend W. Ernest Stockley	1914-1925
The Reverend Frederic G. Williams	1925-

THE HISTORY OF GRACE CHURCH

In 1846, nine years before Grace Church was organized, Iowa was admitted to statehood, thereby adding an area of 56,000 square miles, largely unpopulated except for the country adjacent to the Mississippi, "the nation's jugular vein of commerce." At this time Iowa was part of the Diocese of the Northwest; the Bishop of the territory was the Right Reverend Jackson Kemper. In 1853, the Diocese of Iowa was formed, and the Right Reverend Henry Washington Lee, D. D. of Rochester, New York, became the first bishop.

"In the spring of 1854, the attention of Eastern men of property was directed to Lyons as a safe place to make profitable investments. Among them were some professors, or, we might say rich Christians, who naturally enquired for the churches of the place, and the property-holders had to say there were none. To which they answered 'We feel that if a place like Lyons has not religion enough to maintain the worship of God, it cannot be a safe place to make investments; and they therefore turned away to some other place. As one after another

left the place in this way, property-holders began to feel that it was to **THEIR** advantage to build a church in Lyons, if by so doing, they could keep these rich Christians." (Deacon Vincent, from the History of Clinton County, 1879.)



The Reverend Hiram W. Beers
Founder of Grace Church

In 1855, Lyons was considered one of the most promising towns in the comparatively new state of Iowa as it dominated the territory between Dubuque and Davenport. Into this new community came the Episcopal Church under the leadership of the Reverend Hiram W. Beers, "a personable individual who can be remembered with pride as the founder of Grace Church!" At first, services were

held in Metropolitan Hall, the third floor of a "business block on Main Street between Third and Fourth Streets," now McKinley and Garfield Streets.

Because of the early date of the founding of the Church, it is interesting to note, its centennial year coincides with the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of Clinton. Lyons was founded in 1835.

The organizational meeting was held at Town Hall on Saturday, December 22, 1855, at which time Bishop Lee of Iowa was present and acted as chairman; Mr. Thomas Briscoe served as secretary. Mr. Edward McCoy moved that a parish be organized to be known as Grace Church. At this meeting a committee of three was appointed to choose five to serve as Vestrymen until Easter when regular members would be chosen. Messrs. Adams, McCoy, and Ferris named Messrs. Andrew R. West, Harvey B. Ring, William D. Robinson,

James Hazlett, and Leander Smith, who were approved by acclamation. These Vestrymen were to meet the following Wednesday to make plans for a church edifice. Messrs. Hazlett and Robinson became the temporary Wardens.

1856 On January 23, 1856, plans for raising funds for the new church building were considered: Messrs. Hazlett, Smith, and West were named to find a suitable lot. Within comparatively few weeks, the parish was organized, a clergyman established, and a building planned.

Easter Day the Parish voted to increase the Vestry to seven; those named were Messrs. Hazlett, Gates, Cotton, McCoy, West, Robinson, and Foster. When the Vestry met, they chose Mr. Hazlett Senior Warden; Mr. Cotton, Junior Warden; Mr. A. R. West, Treasurer; Mr. T. S. Briscoe, Secretary. The Vestry also allowed Mr. N. H. Bennett \$35 "for organizing and leading the choir."

There was evidently difficulty in finding a lot, for a committee of one was named in May "to negotiate a lot on which to erect a church edifice." The Reverend Mr. Beers was also appointed Rector, and a subscription for building funds was initiated. Somewhat later the records indicate that the Parish petitioned for admission to the Diocesan Convention.

At the convention Bishop Lee reported on the work at Grace, Lyons, stating that the Sunday School of St. John's Church, Providence, Rhode Island, had sent a gift of \$500, thus enabling the establishing of services at Grace Church. The Reverend Mr. Beers reported that there were about 200 regular attendants at services although there were only three actual communicants at the time of organization. This number by convention time had increased to seven.

In July, 1856, the Vestry passed a resolution authorizing the appointment of a building committee, composed of the Reverend Mr. Beers, Messrs. Benjamin Lake, and R. W. Rand. The Rector was also authorized to visit nearby cities to solicit additional funds. As there is no further mention of the solicitation, it can be assumed that the necessary money was raised through local contributions. Shortly after its appointment, the committee reported its choice of a site — "the corner of Sixth and Franklin Streets," the home of the Parish since that date. The location today is described as Second Street at Twenty-first Avenue North.

Building Started

Two weeks later, the building committee was authorized to contract for the structure, the liabilities not to exceed \$3000. In August, however, the committee advised that four feet be added to the width of the church; this recommendation was apparently accepted.

The building was presumably free from debt, for as it approached completion, there is recorded a "Request to Consecrate," drawn up by the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen. In the "Consecration Seal of Grace Church," Bishop Lee certified to the Act of Consecration on May 21, 1857, the Festival of the Ascension.

When finished, "the building, in its main part of stone, of a pleasing architecture, had a wooden chancel, evidently meant to be temporary, but which eventually did service for over forty years. The nave, in its exterior, remains practically unchanged, and its ivy-wreathed walls are among the most familiar landmarks of the city." The newly built church had cost \$4500, of which \$3850 had been given locally. Another gift of \$500 from the Sunday School of St. John's Church, Providence, Rhode Island, was also mentioned by Bishop Lee at the Convention.



First Picture of Grace Church Interior

The request to Consecrate, drawn up by the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of Grace Church, follows, in which it is declared to be "the desire and resolution of said Parish to regard said Church, when thus consecrated, as separated from all unhallowed, ordinary and common uses, and dedicated to the service of Almighty God, for reading and preaching His holy word, for celebrating His holy sacraments, for offering to His Glorious Majesty the sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, for blessing the people in His name, and for the performance of all other holy offices."

Pew Holders

The Church open for service, the Vestry appointed a committee of nine to schedule pew rentals; pews were to be publicly rented June 1 at 10 a. m., the prices ranging from \$5 to \$35 and totaling \$1000.

1858 In February the Vestry invited the Reverend Mr. Beers to continue his rectorship for the coming year; this annual election seems to have been the practice for a number of years.

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3 E. R. Richmond.
4 E. S. Hawley.
5 Thos. Crew.
6 J. B. Clinton.
7 Hart & Bostworth.
8 The RECTOR'S Seat.
9 J. G. Ringer.
10 Strother & Keeler.
11 H. W. Boyd.
GRISWOLD.
12 R. N. Rand.
MRS. FRANCIS.
13 John J. Jefferies.
14 H. W. Parker.
15 Thos. Leedham.
16 Thos. Leedham.

North Aisle.

29
Wm. F. Davis. 28
Mrs. Morrill. 27
Jas. Hazlett. 26
Hazlett & Rand. 25
R. W. Rand. 24
John Pickering. 23
Dr. Towner. 22
M. D. F. Abbott. 21
Courtright. 20
N. Showerman. 19
E. P. Dole. 18
Dr. Hudson. 17

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2 Mrs. Leffingwell.
3 W. J. Lawrence.
4 H. M. Barker.
5 R. D. Ferris.
6 J. T. Foster.
7 J. B. Coy.
8 A. R. Cotton.
9 D. Adams.
10 J. G. Young.
11 A. P. Durlin.
12 A. Chandler.
13 H. E. Gates.

South Aisle.

Choir.
22
W. D. Robinson. 21
A. R. West. 20
N. E. Pearce. 19
Mr. Hay. 18
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Geo. Burton. 16
S. R. Williams. 15
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Panic

Later the panic of 1857 caused considerable anxiety, for the records indicate that on February, 1860, the Vestry instructed a committee to attempt to raise \$650 through pew rentals and through a subscription paper to be circulated throughout the Parish in order to defray expenses.

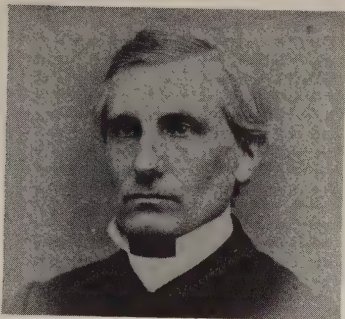
1860

The Reverend Mr. Beers presented his resignation on March 21, 1860; this was accepted with regret and with an expression of appreciation for his outstanding efforts in the organization of the new Parish. During his five years' rectorate, the Reverend Mr. Beers reported:

Baptisms 43 Confirmations 33 Marriages 11 Burials 21

The Parish by that time could boast a communicant list of forty. Although the Reverend Mr. Beers served many other congregations and was rector emeritus of Trinity Church, San Francisco, at the time of his death, no parish appreciated his efforts more than did Grace Church, where he did his first work.

The Reverend G. W. Watson



The Reverend George W. Watson

The Vestry, following the rector's resignation, then took immediate steps to secure a successor, at the same time setting the salary at \$400. This amount was undoubtedly supplemented by a stipend from the missionary funds of the Diocese. Very shortly Bishop Lee recommended to the Vestry, then composed of nine men, the Reverend G. W. Watson, whom the Parish accepted at a salary of \$500.

Proposed Union With Clinton June, 1860

"A communication was read from Bishop Lee proposing a union of this parish and Clinton under the Reverend Mr. Watson. Mr. Rand made verbally a proposal to the Clinton parish that we unite with them in calling Mr. Watson, they to pay \$450; we, \$350." Mr. Watson would reside in Clinton, but Grace Church would have the choice of services. The records indicate the rejection of the proposal.

In July, the Reverend Mr. Watson assumed the rectorship of Grace and subsequently continued the work of the former rector in supplying services to St. John's, Clinton.

Civil War

During the early 60's little of interest transpired in the Parish because of the stress of the Civil War except an invitation to a lady "to take charge of the melodeon" or the request that some previously appointed committee "be present and report." As Lyons was contributing to the war effort by giving its sons to the service, for three years not a single marriage is recorded in the Parish.

1864 During the month of May the Parish entertained the Diocesan Convention, at the close of "which took place an ordination service when the Reverend Frederic Humphrey" was advanced to the priesthood. Soon afterwards the newly ordained priest was called as rector of St. John's, Clinton.

1865 In June, 1865, the Reverend Mr. Watson notified the Vestry that he had received a call from Davenport, but that he was satisfied at Grace Church except that the salary was inadequate. Immediately the Vestry indicated its willingness to attempt to increase the stipend by \$100; however, on April 21, 1866, Mr. Watson asked to be released as he had accepted the rectorship of Christ Church, Burlington. During his incumbency reports show:

Baptisms 63 Confirmations 46 Marriages 11 Burials 27

By this time the parish had approximately 50 communicants.

1866 One month after the resignation of the Reverend Mr. Watson, a call was extended to the Reverend Henry Adams of Independence, Iowa, who assumed his duties on July 1, 1866. As the financial outlook was improved, the Vestry fixed his salary at a higher figure than that of his predecessors; the Church also purchased an additional lot to the west.

1867 About a year later financial difficulties developed to such an extent that the Vestry was unable to pay the rector's promised salary and a reduction of \$250 became necessary in spite of the fact that Grace Church continued to receive \$150 from the missionary funds of the diocese. As it was apparently impossible to reach agreement between Rector and Vestry, negotiations continued for a year; the Vestry then indicated that it would release Mr. Adams and pay arrearages. Before the actual resignation of Mr. Adams was accepted, Bishop Lee had already recommended the Reverend Mr. Page as the next rector. Although his resignation became effective July 1, 1868, the Reverend Mr. Adams remained in the city for several months and officiated at a few marriages but held no public services in the church. During his tenure he reported:

Baptisms 27 Confirmations 11 Marriages 3 Burials 7

By this time the Parish numbered approximately 60 communicants.

To prevent the closing of the Church, the Vestry decided to call the Reverend Lyman N. Freeman, subject to the Bishop's approval and provided that help from the missionary funds was available. All details must have been satisfactorily settled regarding the Reverend Adams as the Reverend Mr. Freeman was called for one year, apparently as "Priest in Charge." During his fifteen months stay at Grace, he recorded:

Baptisms 16 Confirmations 18 Marriages 2 Burials 11

1870 There is little of particular interest in the records until June 1, 1870, when the Reverend A. P. Crouch was in charge of the Parish. By fall of 1870, the parishioners were planning a renovation of the Church. On Easter 1871, the marble font, still in use, was presented by the Sunday School, and the Reverend Mr. Crouch was formally called as Rector.

Hauntown

The following year the Reverend Mr. Crouch began holding services at Hauntown where there were several church families. "The mission was organized under the name of Trinity, and a building given by Mr. W. C. Clifton," uncle of Mrs. Edward Arlen, was equipped for services. On July 9, 1939, Dr. Alfred K. Meyer made a special trip to Hauntown to talk to the Struve family and to inquire about Trinity Church. He brought back the following information: "All that remains of the old Hauntown Church, according to Mr. Paul Struve, is a depression in the ground between the creek and the old elm tree which sits directly across from the Struve Lumber Mill. Mr. Struve, eighty years old, remembers going to Sunday School when the Minister of Grace Church would ride out on horseback to hold services."

1872 At a special parish meeting held on April 22, 1872, the members approved the Rector's suggestion that pews be free to all and that a subscription list replace pew rentals. After three years at Grace, deafness caused the Reverend Mr. Crouch to resign, but he continued to live in Lyons and to supply services at Hauntown. Records indicate that during his ministry there were:

Baptisms 30 Confirmations 14 Marriages 14 Burials 12

Services Suspended

Following the Reverend Mr. Crouch's resignation, the Vestry decided to suspend services "for neither the town nor the parish was fulfilling its early promise." To the south, Clinton was developing as a railroad center and was causing marked business depression in Lyons. Many loyal supporters of the Parish were also leaving the city, thus further complicating the financial difficulties. At that time, too, Iowa lost its first diocesan, Bishop Lee, whose kindly counsel had done so much to establish the Parish.

On November 27, 1874, Messrs. R. N. Rand, J. S. Stratton, and R. T. T. Spence were named delegates to a special convention to be held in Davenport on December 9, 1874, to elect a successor to Bishop Lee.

Little is recorded about the period when services were suspended, but it seems apparent that the Reverend Mr. Trimble of St. John's, Clinton, must have given the Parish some care as baptisms are recorded on Easter 1875.

1875 Resumption of services was considered on April 26, 1875, and a call was extended to the Reverend George Degen at a "handsome salary." Word, however, soon came from the Standing Committee of the Diocese that Mr. Degen was not a member of the Episcopal Church, so the call was rescinded.

After this discouraging experience, the Reverend Samuel Currie and his brother, the Reverend William Currie, who were active in diocesan educational and clerical work at Griswold College and elsewhere, proposed the opening of Riverside Institute in Lyons. It was a private enterprise, a boarding and day school, offering courses in "Primary Common School, Normal, Collegiate, and Music Departments." Students would be required to attend service and Sunday School at Grace, unless parents requested that the children attend other churches.



The Reverend Samuel Currie

With the establishment of the Riverside Institute, the Reverend Samuel Currie became the sixth Rector of Grace Church. Under his rectorship the congregation increased, and the Sunday School was provided with the very best teachers. Unfortunately, the Institute did not prove as successful as people had hoped, for in the early 1880's it ceased to exist.

1876 October 2, 1876, the Rt. Reverend William Stevens Perry, D. D., consecrated the second bishop of Iowa on September 10, 1876, made his first visitation to Grace Church.

Grace Church Guild



Mrs. R. N. Rand

Under the guidance of the Reverend Mr. Currie, the activities of the parish began to assume greater organizational form than in earlier years, for soon after Mr. Currie's coming Grace Church Guild was organized. Its first officers were:

Manager—Mrs. R. N. Rand;
Assistant—Mrs. William Leimbach;
Secretary—Miss Susan Rand; Treasurer—Mrs. G. W. Ashton.

1877 The first project attempted by the newly organized guild was to raise funds for building a rectory. In 1877, committees on Religious Instruction, Visiting, Church Attendance, Missions, and Finance were also named.

Following the Easter elections in 1877, the Vestry adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the Vestry of this Church will, on and after the first Monday in May, A. D. 1877, rely solely upon the voluntary offerings of the Congregation for the means of support of Grace Church, such offerings to be taken after every morning and evening prayer."

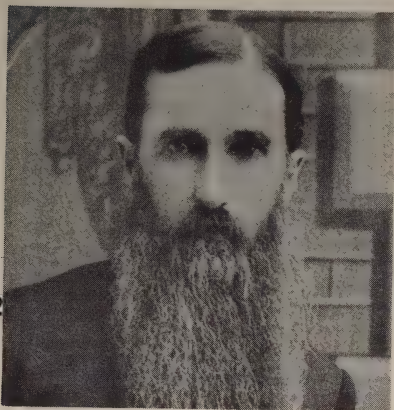
There seems to be some question concerning the adequacy of the resolution to raise sufficient funds for the maintenance of the Church at that time.

Easter, 1878, marked the placing of a series of stained glass windows in the Church, the gift of the Sunday School with the exception of the east window for which the congregation was responsible.

1878 On June 10, the Vestry signed a certificate of recommendation for Woodford P. Law, a candidate for Holy Orders, prepared at the Institute under Mr. Currie's tutelage. He was subsequently ordained priest, served in the mission field, and eventually became rector of the Church of the Epiphany, South Haven, Michigan.

As the Institute was without endowment and parochial funds were low, the Reverend Mr. Currie resigned in 1880. His five year record as Rector showed:

Baptisms 41 Confirmations 47 Marriages 6 Burials 14



The Reverend William T. Currie

As the church was without a Rector, the Vestry turned to the Reverend William Currie, who had assisted his brother and who had carried on the missionary work at Hauntown and Bellevue. Although Mr. Currie served the Parish for five years, there is no evidence that a formal call was ever extended to him as his status was that of "Priest in Charge."

On Easter, 1882, at the parish meeting, the Wardens and Vestrymen were instructed to transfer the title of Grace Church to the Trustees of Funds and Donations of the Diocese of Iowa. As it was

necessary that the instruction be thrice approved, it was not until 1885 that the final conveyance was made and the property placed beyond "encumbrance or alienation save by the consent of the highest authority of the diocese."

St. Margaret's Guild

In 1882, the second oldest of the guilds came into existence when the young unmarried ladies of the Church formed St. Margaret's Guild. After its formation there is little recorded for a few years except the routine parochial business and missionary efforts in which the Church took an active part.

1885 On April 15, 1885, the Reverend William Currie resigned in order to accept the rectorship of St. Paul's, Grand Forks, North Dakota. "The length of Mr. Currie's residence in Lyons, his many noble, intellectual and spiritual qualities, all combine peculiarly to enshrine his memory in the hearts of the many who knew him as priest and teacher." His five year record as Rector follows:

Baptisms 37 Confirmations 22 Marriages 8 Burials 16

The following were baptized in Grace Church and should be considered as some of the oldest baptized members:

George S. Ashton Feb. 4, 1877, by The Reverend Samuel Currie
S. Curtiss Rand Sept. 6, 1878 by The Reverend Samuel Currie
Sylvia Bunker (Galbraith) Mar. 25, 1883 by The Reverend Wm. T. Currie

[The Reverend Rolla Currie, son of the Reverend William T. Currie, sent the pictures of his father and uncle to the History Committee.]



The Reverend T. J. Brookes

At the final service of Mr. Currie, Bishop Perry conferred with the congregation about the Reverend Theophilus J. Brookes. When the Vestry voted to call the Reverend Mr. Brookes, it also discussed the possibility of building a rectory, a project which had long been in the minds of the parishioners and for which Grace Guild had raised considerable funds. The Reverend T. J. Brookes, Messrs. R. N. Rand, S. W. Gardiner, and M. A. Disbrow were appointed to confer with the ladies on the building project. In the autumn an eight-room house, cruciform in plan, was ready for occupancy, and Grace Church Guild had pledged

to maintain, repair, and improve the structure whenever necessary.

In the summer of 1885, the altar cross, the one presently in use, was placed on the altar.

1887 During the greater part of 1886 and 87, only routine matters pertaining to elections and business are recorded; however, in September, 1887, tragedy struck the parish when Mrs. Brookes became ill with a virulent form of diphtheria, which proved fatal in days. A few months later Mr. Brookes resigned to accept a charge in western Missouri and held his last service in Grace Church January, 1888. His record as Rector for two and a half years shows:

Baptisms 8 Confirmations 8 Marriages 4 Burials 12

Theophilus James Brookes was born in London, England, May 11, A. D. 1834, and came to the United States at the age of seventeen, arriving at Chicago, Illinois, in May, 1851. He was married to Abbie Elizabeth Huntington Spencer in Trinity Church, Chicago, October 15, 1868. To them were born two sons and one daughter. His wife, a devoted Christian worker, died at Grace Church Rectory, Lyons, Iowa, September 27, 1887. Mr. Brookes entered the ministry in 1868 and served faithfully in the Church of Christ for forty-one years.

Bishop Morrison in his address to the 58th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Iowa in May, 1910, speaks of The Reverend Mr. Brookes as follows: "Only one priest has died during the year, the Rev. Theophilus J. Brookes, who passed to his rest on January 19th. Mr. Brookes graduated from Griswold College in 1872. He was made Deacon by Bishop Lee in 1868 and Priest in 1869. He served for some years in Iowa, being rector for a time of Trinity Church, Iowa City, and afterwards of St. Paul's, Council Bluffs, and Grace, Lyons. After spending many years in other dioceses, he returned to Iowa in 1903, and since that time has been minister-in-charge at Council Bluffs and Trinity Memorial, Mapleton. In July last Mr. Brookes took charge of the Church of Our Savior, Clermont, Iowa, but his health failed unexpectedly and rapidly, and he was soon compelled to give up active duty. He died at the residence of a son in Chicago. The

Reverend Mr. Brookes was a conscientious and hard working priest, a man of good attainments. He served faithfully in his day and generation, and often at a cost of great self-denial, but always cheerfully. Kindly and loving and courteous, he made friends wherever he went, and in his last field, at Mapleton, for a number of years, was as acceptable as he was faithful. At his age death came as a release and we may be sure that his eyes closed on the scenes of earth to behold the glory yet to be revealed. 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

[The above information and his picture were sent to the Committee by the Reverend Mr. Brookes's son, Mr. M. S. Brookes of Chicago.]

After Mr. Brookes left, the outlook seemed particularly hopeless as there had been no growth in number, business shifted from commercial to manufacturing, and lumbering declined, all affecting the Church. Although the Church remained closed for a few months, the results of earlier "seed sowing" suddenly became evident.

1889 The Reverend R. B. Whipple, then a deacon who was serving Maquoketa, took charge of Grace Church on November 1, 1889. Services were unusually well attended as the church was full at every service; there was greater interest and the Parish became very active.

Vested Choir

Soon after New Year's, interest in a vested choir of men and boys to replace the quartette or children's chorus became evident. Twenty young men and boys met early in 1889 in the home of Mr. R. N. Rand for rehearsal under the direction of Mr. W. L. McArthur with Miss Electa Marion Rand, the organist. Rehearsals were held twice a week, and because of this organization baptisms and confirmations increased in number. Many of the boys also served as acolytes as the years passed.

List of First Choir

Trebles—George S. Ashton, Frederick M. Fredericksen, Charles H. Gilman, Alfred S. Holmes, Earl I. Holmes, George C. Lollich, S. Curtiss Rand, Albert S. Walden; Altos—Earl L. Johnstone, Earl A. Macbride, Guy T. Macbride, Charles D. Walden; Tenors—Edward G. Fredericksen, F. W. Leedham, W. L. MacArthur, A. E. Rudman; Basses—A. J. Foster, A. L. Holmes, A. M. Potts, F. F. Potts, W. G. Romer.

With the formation of the choir, alterations in the church were necessary to provide space for seating, vesting, and processional. The altar was replaced, new chancel hangings were procured, altar lights took their place for the first time, and Mrs. C. F. Welles gave the processional cross. In this comparatively new setting the choir made its first appearance on Easter, 1889, a really joyous event. Assisting the men and boys was a number of young ladies who occupied the front pews. In the earlier part of the year many ladies of the church had made vestments, so several groups were involved in the choir's first appearance.

On May 12, the Reverend Mr. Whipple resigned, thus bringing to a close one of the shortest, but among the happiest, rectorships as a new era of widening influence was beginning in the Church. His statistical record includes:

Baptisms 20 Confirmations 20 Marriages 1 Burials 1

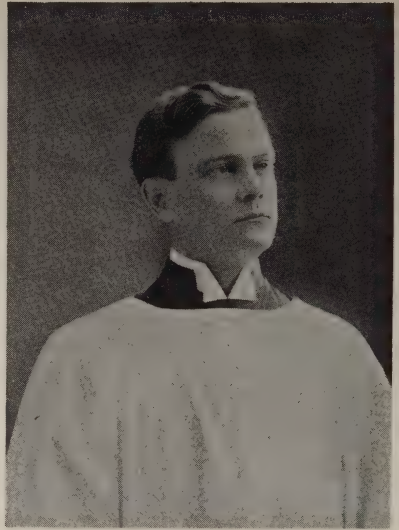
Of interest we note Mr. Gordon Heupel, one of the older members of Grace Church, was baptized February 3, 1889 by The Reverend R. B. Whipple.



Miss Electa Marion Rand

"To her choir she gave of herself without stint and without pause - her gift was of the highest. Her monument is built of the hearts of men who are still her boys."

Winfield S. Welch



Mr. Arthur L. Holmes

"The harvest truly is great" saith our Lord, "but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth more laborers into His harvest."



The Reverend H. L. Gamble

July 8, 1889, Mr. MacArthur resigned as choir director and was succeeded by Mr. Palin Saxby, who came to the city with the Reverend H. L. Gamble of Omaha, who was called to the Parish by the Vestry.

The summer of 1889 the choir attended a camp on the Maquoketa River for a week; chaperones were parents and other adults of the Parish.

With the coming of the Reverend Mr. Gamble, the following innovations were initiated:

Weekly Communions; Daily Morning and Evening Services; Elaborate Choral Eucharists; Sunday Evensong—fully choral; "*The Church Porch*" for a season.

The Church Porch

With the publication of Volume I, Number I, of *The Church Porch* in September 1889, a long-felt need was fulfilled and as explained in that first issue, the Porch was a place "neither within the wall of the Church, nor quite outside them — a place where we may discuss the affairs of the parish and where the priest may say a word or two without having to get into the pulpit. As an effort to supply this, *The Church Porch* makes its appearance and invites your patronage. Here we trust you will linger and peep through the doors, always "ajar" into the dear old church beyond. Here the Rector hopes to button-hole you once in a while, and whisper in your ear some forgotten duty.

"The best legacy left by this era in the life of Grace Church was the lesson of reverent attendance of the whole congregation upon the celebration of the Blessed Sacrament."

In the summer of 1889, Miss Charlotte Henkel entered the order of the Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity, entering upon her novitiate at the Mother House in Providence, Rhode Island.

During this period the seating capacity of the Church was severely taxed as 165 were often in attendance at evening service, even in August. Because of this condition, the Parish began formulating plans to enlarge and alter the Church. To raise additional funds for this project the women of the Parish held a week's Carnival at the Odeon. Attractions included an Art Loan exhibit, sale of fancy and useful articles, refreshments, afternoon concerts and evening entertainment, "The Temple of Fame," and the Merchants' Carnival. The funds, however, seem to have been diverted to other uses, but the records show the purchase of altar brasses, dossals and hangings, plus burses, veils, and altar linens.

1890 In the fall Mr. Saxby resigned as choir director and was succeeded by the Rector, assisted by Mr. A. L. Holmes. Rehearsals apparently continued at regular intervals for on February 19, 1890, the choir presented a concert at the Rand home. In the spring of 1890, there was an apparent need for stricter discipline in the choir so a system of payments and fines was instituted.

April 6, 1890, Easter, the choir sang at the Children's Service at 6 a. m., after which medals for conduct, singing, and attendance were awarded. Breakfast at the Rand home followed the Choral Celebration. The group sang again at the 10:30 service, at which the men and boys were assisted by a mixed and a string quartette.

After Easter the choir disbanded for reorganization, and a quartette substituted at the services; however, in June, 1890, the male vested choir again began to function.

On August 14, 1890, the Reverend Mr. Gamble presented his resignation, and for approximately five months thereafter no services were held as no clergymen were available. The choir was kept in readiness under the supervision of Miss Rand and Mr. Holmes. While Mr. Gamble was Rector there were:

Baptisms 11	Confirmations 12	Marriages 2	Burials 5
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1891



The Reverend George T. Griffith

That same month the choir was given a real treat, a trip to Davenport on the *Verne Swain*.

In the autumn of 1891, Miss Harriet Smith entered upon a novitiate in the Order of the Holy Nativity in the new Mother House at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Christmas Day, 1891, the choir sang two choral services at 7:30 and at 11.

After a year as Rector of Grace Church, the Reverend Mr. Griffith resigned. During his brief rectorate, he reported:

Baptisms 19 Confirmations 17 Marriages 4 Burials 1

1892



The Reverend C. H. Weaver, D.D.

Before the coming of the Reverend C. H. Weaver, D. D., of Washington, D. C., services were provided by the Reverend T. J. Lacey of Kemper Hall, not then ordained, and by the Reverend E. J. Cooke of St. John's, Clinton.

On September 1, 1892, the Reverend Dr. Weaver began his services as Rector and director of the choir. As his three predecessors were unmarried and Dr. Weaver had a family, the Parish soon began plans to remodel the rectory. Within a year the rectory was increased in size, a furnace installed, and other improvements were made.

The cost was borne by the guilds and by an unusually large Easter offering of \$800. Soon the Sunday School grew in number, and it led the diocese in its Easter offering for General Missions.

1893

Easter, 1893, a well-trained vested choir sang three services, quite an achievement for a comparatively new organization.



The Vested Choir - 1893

Woman's Auxiliary



Mrs. William Holmes

A parish branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was organized on November 24, 1893, with the following officers:

President—Mrs. William Holmes; Vice President—Mrs. G. W. Ashton; Secretary—Miss H. E. Henningsen; Treasurer—Mrs. W. T. Joyce.

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During the rectorship of the Reverend Dr. Weaver, daily services were discontinued and the ceremonial was modified. At the beginning of Dr. Weaver's second year as Rector, the Vestry voted to increase his salary; however, on February 7, 1894; Dr. Weaver resigned to accept a call to Trinity, Davenport, but promised to remain until Easter.



The Reverend C. W. Tyler

The Vestry, regretting that there had been so many short rectorships, then extended a unanimous call to the Reverend C. W. Tyler of Guthrie, Oklahoma, who would become Rector of Grace Church the Sunday after Easter. During Lent the Rt. Reverend Charles R. Hale, D. D., confirmed a class as Bishop Perry was abroad.

Jeweled Chalice

On Easter Day, 1894, a jeweled chalice and paten, which are still used on festivals, were presented by Margaret and Leonard Robbins Welles.

The nineteen months' rectorate of Dr. Weaver indicated the following statistics:

Baptisms 43 Confirmations 28 Marriages 7 Burials 13

Serious trouble from without soon faced the Parish, for after 20 years' industrial activity, the lumber industry rapidly declined. In 1894, three or four sawmills closed permanently. Unemployment became widespread; families moved; depressing conditions struck business. There was fear that the success of the last dozen years during which the communicant list was doubled would be swept away. In a year the Parish lost one-third of its revenue and one-fourth of its communicants; however, at Easter, 1895, the Parish was free of debt. As St. Margaret's Guild had assumed financial responsibility for the choir, and the choirmaster and the organist had donated their services, there seemed to be a ray of hope.

1895

When Lyons was annexed to Clinton in the spring of 1895, confusion resulted as the Church was referred to as Grace, Lyons, and Grace, Clinton, but the Church has managed to retain its identity through the years. Again there was need for an expansion of facilities to accommodate choir rehearsals, guild meetings, and an Industrial School, started by Mrs. T. T. Ashton. For some time she had gathered neighborhood children in her home to teach them sewing, mending, needlework, Scripture and Catechism. The answer to these needs was met in the acquisition of a Guild Room, a building originally erected for a private school. Some gentlemen of the Parish, Messrs. M. A. Disbrow and S. W. Gardiner, signed over their thirds to the Church, and Mr. W. T. Joyce provided money for the purchase of the other third. The heirs of the late Mr. R. N. Rand donated a lot to the west of the rectory. Subscriptions provided for the removal of the house to the lot.



The Guild Hall

Early Families

At this point your historians would like to pay tribute to some of the families who were active and generous in their support of the Church. Many of these names are still on the Parish Register, the unique testimony of perpetuating the great tradition.

Mrs. W. W. Buell, matriarch of the Gode-Leedham families; Mrs. William Leimbach, mother of the late Mrs. Kurt Jaenicke; The Bunkers; the T. T. Ashtons; the Whites; the Gabriels.

Mr. White was a Vestryman for many years and also Superintendent of the Sunday School over a long period. Even today many will recall his great gift of telling Bible stories for the instruction and entertainment of his classes.

The Disbrow name represents one of the early families in Grace Church, the M. A. Disbrow family. The second generation was the W. B. Disbrow family. Mrs. Disbrow is the mother of the Misses Grace and Mary Disbrow and Mr. W. K. Disbrow, members of the third generation to be active in the parish. Due to the family's long association with the church, Miss Grace Disbrow has contributed a great deal as a member of the History Committee who prepared this book.

Robert Wheeler, William Aikken, Samuel, and Robert Norton Rand were early settlers in Clinton County, coming to Lyons separately, and in the order named, during the years 1855 to 1857. The first three were brothers, and, the fourth, a son of Samuel Rand.

They organized, managed, and controlled the first banking institution in the county. These men were raised in the Church, never forgot the religion of their fathers, were ever active and liberal in the support of Grace Church, and were regular attendants upon its services. Their names appear in the first list of pewholders. Robert Norton Rand was born in 1830 in Honeoye Falls, New York. After he was established in the banking business, he married Hannah Jane Shulters, January 10, 1875.

There were two children: Electa Marian, beloved in the Parish as Church organist and co-founder of Grace Church Vested Choir. The other child, Samuel Curtiss, who is still active in Grace Church, is one of the oldest living members.

There was, at one time, a huge lumber concern in Lyons known as Bachelder, Gardiner and Welles which began in 1874 with the purchase of the Haun property. Large tracts of land were purchased, and this gigantic development was due largely to the judicious management and wise insight of Mr. Silas Gardiner, who was by nature a man of keen discernment.

Mr. Stimson Gardiner came West in the late thirties or the early forties with Mr. Chancy Lamb, a life-long friend, and settled on the prairies of Illinois, not far from Mt. Carroll. It was here Silas Wright Gardiner was born 1846. Silas Gardiner married Louisa Henkel, a lady of culture and refinement, in 1870. There were four children: Philip S., Elizabeth S. (Mrs. Arthur Cox of Iowa City), Mary Jeanette (Mrs. Frank Wisner of Laurel, Mississippi), and Charlotte Margaret (Mrs. Kurtz of Montclair, New Jersey.)

Mr. Gardiner was a public spirited citizen, greatly interested in the development of Lyons. His contributions to Grace Church were generous. Our beautiful pulpit was given to Grace Church by Mrs. Silas W. Gardiner and used for the first time in 1898.

In April, 1895, Miss Louise Henningsen succeeded Mrs. R. N. Rand as choir mother. The following November a Choir Club was organized to promote the social, moral, and physical welfare of the members. Officers elected were:

President—Frank C. Brandt; Vice President—William H. Sievers; Secretary—Fred M. Hess; Treasurer—Bert E. Brandt; Librarian—Oscar W. Larson.

Fortieth Anniversary

December, 1895, marked the fortieth anniversary of the founding of Grace Church and was observed with appropriate ceremonies. The project of obtaining the pictures of former rectors and those of the Bishops of Iowa was started, and eventually portraits of all were placed in the choir room. (This picture was not available for this history.)

1896 In the spring of 1896, St. Helena's Guild designed for girls of school age was formed. Membership in this group would eventually lead to membership in St. Margaret's Guild. Officers were:

Manager—Mrs. A. O. Cole; Secretary-Treasurer—Helen Duncan.

Easter, 1896, the ladies of the Parish presented the choirmaster with a hymnal, silk cassock, and linen cotta; the organist was also honored. Reports indicated encouraging conditions; consequently, Grace Guild again decided to sponsor the project of reconditioning the church as the wooden chancel needed repairs. Filled with enthusiasm, the men joined in the project.

In anticipation of winter weather, and to help relieve the financial strain, the Rector and Vestry worked zealously during the summer to provide a wood pile, much to the delight of the choir boys and passers-by.

1897 In December, 1897, the choir took part in the presentation of "The Gypsy Encampment," a project sponsored by St. Margaret's Guild.

1898 On January 4, 1898, the Vestry appointed the Rector and Mr. A. O. Cole as a committee to prepare plans and get estimates for lengthening the Church and for the building of a choir room to the north.

By Easter of that year current bills were reported paid, balances were in the treasuries of the various organizations, and a subscription list was circulated in the Parish. With the amount for rebuilding practically assured, offers of memorials were accepted. Pleased with the progress, Bishop Perry offered to come to lay the cornerstone, but died shortly thereafter.

On May 31, the Rector reported that the building funds were guaranteed, so Messrs. D. W. Case and A. O. Cole were named to the building committee. On Trinity Sunday the last service was held in the church. Services were missed on only one Sunday, however, as the Masonic Temple was used for both Sunday School and Church services.

The vested choir was invited in July to assist in the chorus work at "Roney's Boys" concert, sponsored by the Y. M. C. A. of Clinton. This is the second time Grace Church choir had been invited to participate in Y. M. C. A. activities, for the group had previously given a concert for that organization.

October 2, 1898, the Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity, the church was reopened. The Reverend Thomas E. Green, D. D., President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, was celebrant at the early service and blessed the memorials. The second service opened with a Solemn Te Deum; the Rector was the celebrant, and Dr. Green preached to a congregation that filled the church. At the evening service the Reverend H. H. Morrell of St. John's, Clinton, assisted the Rector, and Dr. Green preached. Again there was an overflow congregation; many stood at the windows, while others filled the rectory. It was truly a day of great rejoicing.

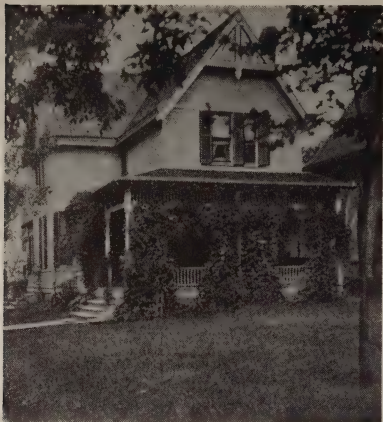


Interior - 1899



Early Picture of Grace Church

In the "new edifice," there was little that hinted of the former church except the windows of the nave, the outline of walls and ceiling. The chancel was entirely different and "of the furnishings only the font and altar brasses, the processional cross, and the Lectern Bible" remained. The erection of the rood screen was deferred until a later date.



The Rectory

The rectory was also improved by the addition of a porch, while the Guild Room was freshly painted, and the choir enjoyed a new commodious room. The Vestry was apparently busy accepting proffered memorials for a considerable period of time. The former chancel furnishings, replaced by memorials, were given to the Woman's Auxiliary which, with the aid of the Archdeacon, apportioned them to mission parishes.

Shortly after the reopening of the church, Bishop Graves of Laramie, Wyoming, visited the Parish for confirmation as the Iowa Episcopate was still vacant. Later

he gave an interesting account of his missionary district.

Bishop Morrison

Soon after the reopening of the church, the Parish was represented at the Convention held to choose a successor to Bishop Perry. The Reverend T. N. Morrison, D. D., was finally selected and was consecrated Iowa's third bishop on February 22, 1899. On Wednesday of Holy Week, he made his first visitation to Grace Church and soon won the enduring love and friendship of the congregation and diocese.

The pipe organ in Grace Church, a Marshall Lancaster, was built in Moline and brought to Clinton in 1899. It was the gift of Mr. W. T. Joyce, who, with his family, was interested in the Parish life. Through the years this organ has added much to the beauty and majesty of the musical part of the service.

There was no fanfare in connection with the gift. The only news item appeared in the Clinton Mirror, February 18, 1899, as follows: Grace Church drew a large congregation Sunday morning last, when their fine new pipe organ was publicly played for the first time, to the gratification of those concerned and the enjoyment of all present."

Mr. Joyce was married to Clotilde Gage in 1884. Of this union were born two sons, David Gage and James Stanley. Mrs. Joyce was confirmed in Grace Church June 21, 1891. The two boys were baptized just a few months apart in 1891.

"Mr. Joyce was of a retiring disposition and while his donations to charity were large and frequent, he studiously avoided any publicity pertaining to them. Many of his kind deeds have no record. His larger benevolences cannot be concealed."

Easter Day, the tenth anniversary of the choir and the fifth of the Reverend Mr. Tyler, was observed with two fully choral celebrations of the Holy Communion. In the reports, totals showed that offerings in five years had aggregated \$1500, \$1000 of which was allocated to missions and diocesan projects. Improvements to the Parish property amounted to over \$6000. This period was truly one of notable achievement. The Parish was quietly and surely growing in influence throughout the community; it was multiplying considerably in membership. The Sunday School also showed marked growth as it was the third largest in the diocese.

Easter evening the choir presented a service at St. John's at 7:30, a busy day for this group of young singers. On June 26, 1899, a concert was given in the residence of Mrs. R. N. Rand, the proceeds to be added to the Neesley Memorial Fund, which would eventually provide a stained glass window in memory of Harry A. Neesley, a choir boy.

On December 14, 1899, the choir took part in "Dorothy's Birthday" or "The Drummer Boys of Lexington," a project of St. Margaret's Guild.

The Reverend Mr. Tyler was chosen to preach the Baccalaureate sermon for the Lyons High School on June 17, 1900, and Grace Choir presented the music.

Grace Church In The Early 1900's

A need was felt, as early as 1900, to build a Guild Hall that would be large enough to accommodate the various parish activities. At that time, a group of young men in a Bible Class conducted by Mrs. A. O. Cole decided to reorganize Grace Church Social Club which had been out of existence for a long time, so it became the Palestine Chapter. Its purpose was to attract other young people to the Church and to interest them through social activities.

Permission was given to the class by the Reverend C. W. Tyler to hold its offerings as a nucleus toward a fund that would be used for the building of a hall to meet the requirements. The young men subsequently turned over \$367.66 to the treasurer to be applied on a Building Fund; however, the Parish House was not erected until 1925.

The following young men were identified with the class: Bert Brandt, Frank Brandt, Joseph Covington, Jesse Covington, George Cramond, John Claussen, James DeCamp, Fred Hess, Gordon Heupel, Earl Holmes, Ernest Horst, Edward Horst, Frank Krause, George Lollich, Oscar Larson, Donald Mickelson, Will Morgan, Irwin Nelson, Curtiss Rand, Fred Schmidt, Will Sievers.

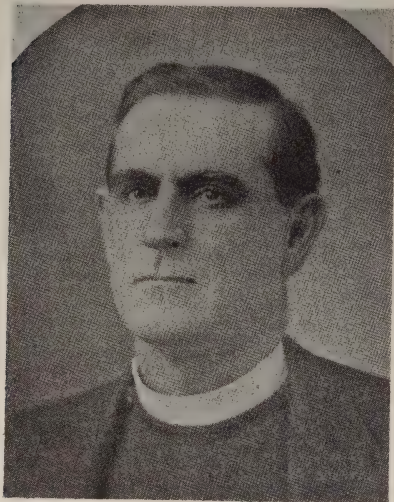
1901 For a considerable period the Church seems to have been generally prosperous. On January 4, 1901, the Reverend Mr. Tyler presented his resignation to be effective February 1. The Rector and his wife were given a farewell reception at which a "sum in gold" enclosed in a "silver casket suitably inscribed as a token of esteem and affection" was presented to them. The rectorate of Mr. Tyler had been the longest to date—nearly seven years—and one of the happiest. The statistics follow:

Baptisms 116 Confirmations 75 Marriages 38 Burials 79

Immediately after Mr. Tyler's resignation, the Vestry conferred with Bishop Morrison on a new Rector as it was agreed that the Church must not again be closed. During the following three months before a new Rector was installed, services were conducted by clerical supplies or by the Senior Warden, Mr. D. W. Case, lay reader.

On February 27, 1901, Grace Church Social Club, intended "to pursue social and literary objectives," was organized with the following officers:

President—Miss Bessie Bowman; Vice President—Miss Elizabeth Damour; Secretary—Miss Amy Westbrook; Treasurer—Mr. A. L. Homes, Assistant Treasurer—Mr. George W. Cramond.



The Reverend T. W. Jones

March 11, 1901, the Vestry extended a call to the Reverend T. W. Jones of Marshall, Texas, who would become rector on May 1. At this time a project to cancel the floating debt resulting from re-modelling was initiated and successfully completed, as Bishop Morrison held a Service of Consecration for the new portion on December 29, 1901. Simultaneously plans were made to use the Easter offering for a parish building to replace the Guild Room.

In June, 1902, another chancel window was placed as a memorial to William Carl Grohe, who had sung in the choir and had served as crucifer.

1902

1903

Further improvements were made in August, 1903, when a water motor was installed for the organ, thus eliminating the need for someone to provide power. Heretofore when the organ was in action, the bellows had to be pumped constantly and the boys in the congregation were responsible for the pumping. One can imagine the rejoicing on the part of these boys when the motive power of the organ was no longer their duty.

The Woman's Auxiliary marked ten years of active service in the fall of 1903; the event was fittingly observed on December 3, when Bishop Morrison visited Grace Church and gave a very helpful address.

1904

Easter, 1904, the choir completed fifteen years of service to the Church and observed the anniversary with a Corporate Communion of present and former members. During the observance each of the group was given a booklet of the history of the organization.

June 5, 1904, the Reverend Mr. Jones preached the Baccalaureate for the Lyons High School, and the choir presented the music. This is the second time that the Church had been so recognized.



The Vested Choir - Early 1900's

In the summer of 1904, through the generosity of Mr. S. W. Gardiner, who agreed to pay \$350, ten of the choir were able to attend the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis. Mr. A. L. Holmes was asked to choose the boys who would profit most by taking such a trip. Those selected were:

Carl A. Larson, Henry W. Ladehoff, Glenn R. Russell, Alfred W. Sievers, Herbert E. Neesley, Henry F. Sievers, Claude E. Harrison, Earl F. Mayer, Harry W. Johnson, Charles F. Reusche, Karl L. Johnstone, Franklin Manz, Arthur L. Holmes, "Generalissimo."

As twelve are listed as having made the trip, it is apparent that additional funds became available.

The members of the group were picked up at approximately 3:30 a. m. on August 4, and not a single boy kept the others waiting. Curiously, all seemed wide awake, so it is assumed that none slept to any great extent during the night because of the anticipation of the trip. When the group had assembled, the bus drawn by a horse proceeded to the C. B. and Q. station, where the boys began their trek to St. Louis. According to all accounts, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience, for the trip seems to have been one of the highlights of the choir's activities.

Improvements

Improvements to the Church property again became necessary in 1904. Permanent walks were then installed. The original ceiling of the nave was found to be unsafe and was to be replaced by an open timber roof; the rood screen was also to be installed. On September 27, 1904, the Vestry decided to proceed with the project and appointed Messrs. D. W. Case and A. O. Cole as the committee in charge. For seven weeks the Church was closed, but services were held in the Odd Fellows Hall during the remodelling. The "new" Church was reopened on March 16, 1905, with Evensong at which the Reverend Allen Judd of Clinton preached.



The Rood Screen



Golden Jubilee

1905 Early in 1905, plans for the proper observance of Grace Church's Golden Jubilee were formulated, and the Vestry appointed the rector, Messrs. D. W. Case, A. O. Cole, and A. L. Holmes to select the personnel of the various other committees to plan the ceremonies. It was decided that December 22 would be the date; that there would be a festival morning service, at which time a special Thank Offering in gold would be placed on the altar; that a banquet would be held in the evening.

During the fifty years, statistics show the following:

Baptisms 594 Confirmations 440 Marriages 166 Burials 254

A continuing review of the Reverend T. W. Jones's years as Rector shows other important and interesting events. The Girls' Friendly Society was organized in Grace Church in the year 1905, and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in 1906. Messrs. John White, A. L. Holmes, and H. A. Sino were charter members of the Brotherhood.

In February, 1906, new prayer books, chant and service books were purchased for the choir.

On July 14, 1907, the choir sat for the tenth group picture which was to be used in connection with an article on "The Choirs of the Diocese" to appear in the August number of the *Iowa Churchman*. The collection of photographs of choir members was completed in 1908 and hung in the vestry room of the church. A future Rector of the parish observed later that many times he had "seen young choir boys standing and gazing at these photographs with wistful eyes, seeming to draw an inspiration from the pictures."

In October, 1908, the Reverend John C. Sage visited the parish and presented the claims of the Iowa Episcopate Fund. At his request the choirmaster solicited subscriptions totaling \$150.00 from the young men and boys of the parish. The parish as a whole subscribed \$2035.00, of which sum \$330.00 was contributed by present and past members of the choir.

A notable event of the year 1908 was the publication of a *Year Book and Reference Manual* of Grace Episcopal Church, which must have been extremely helpful to prospective as well as new members of the church at the time. Today it is a valuable historical source. The little booklet was illustrated with pictures of the Rector, the Reverend T. W. Jones, the church, the rectory, and the choir. It listed the officers of the Parish, the time and place of vestry meetings, and the hours of the church services. It included several pages of information concerning the various parish organizations, such as lists of their officers, members, and times and places of meetings. One interesting note was the inclusion of the entire course of study for the various grades of the Sunday School. In a series of "Parish Notes" the Rector presented answers to many questions which might arise in the minds of prospective church members concerning the support of the Parish, the duties and activities of the Rector, the Church's seasons and ritual, its great teachings and principles, and the duties of church members. Explicit directions were given as to proper conduct at church ceremonies, such as funerals, marriages,

baptisms, and confirmations. A study of the Rector's directions for participation in the Holy Communion and his observations on the meaning of this service must have offered true inspiration to his parishioners as well as to any one reading them today. The *Reference Manual* concluded with a sketch of parish history and a list of the current communicants.

Easter Day, April 11, 1909, was the twentieth anniversary of the choir, and on that day a total of sixty present and past members attended services in the church. A twentieth anniversary history was also published in that year.

The Reverend T. W. Jones resigned as Rector of Grace Church on December 5, 1910. Members of the Vestry in that year were Messrs. A. L. Holmes, F. C. Brayton, D. W. Case, A. O. Cole, W. C. Johnson, C. J. Reusche, E. C. Moesinger, J. H. White, W. A. Morgan, S. C. Rand, J. E. Dolan, and E. H. Horst. Statistics for Father Jones's rectorate include:

Baptisms 224 Confirmations 178 Marriages 76 Burials 65

The Reverend Wilbur S. Leete



The Reverend W. S. Leete

Following the Reverend Mr. Jones's resignation, the Reverend F. H. Burrell of St. John's was supply priest when no other clergyman was furnished by the Bishop from Davenport. The Reverend Wilbur S. Leete of Davenport was called to the Parish on April 4, 1911. He was appointed by Bishop Morrison as "priest in charge," accepted on April 24, 1911, and took charge on June 1 of that year. The Reverend Mr. Leete never became Rector, although he served by invitation for two years.

During Father Leete's pastorate there were:

Baptisms 37 Confirmations 21 Marriages 6 Burials 41

The Henningsen Family

The Henningsen sisters were early attached to Grace Church. They were daughters of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. A. Henningsen, who came to Lyons in 1865.

Miss Louise D. Henningsen (Mrs. Lauren Pollock) became choir mother in 1895 and served in this capacity for fourteen years. "In addition to her duties as choir mother, Mrs. Pollock's activities extended in many directions both in the parish and in the community, yet she found it possible to be godmother to many a choir-boy."

Mrs. Pollock made her home in Dubuque during her declining years and fell asleep in Christ December 27, 1928. A beautiful stained glass memorial window, presented by her husband and installed on the north side of the church, depicts St. Dorcas of New Testament fame, who loved little children and made garments for them.

Miss Henrietta E. Henningsen was a public spirited citizen, interested in a quiet, womanly way in everything pertaining to the public good. " 'Miss Hattie' as she was called, loved the church and was ever heard to say, 'I will do my share,' for she seemed to be considering the Kingdom of God from our Lord's point of view who loved the church and gave His life for it." Her death in 1911 brought sorrow to the Parish. Bishop Morrison had charge of her funeral services and unveiled a window placed in the church in her memory the following year. She made provision for the church by two bequests.

Miss Addie Henningsen (Mrs. W. K. Boardman) went to live in Nevada, Iowa after her marriage.

Miss Emily Henningsen (Mrs. Frank Brayton) is well beloved in the community, and in the church, is devoted to her Lord and actively interested in everything that makes for progress. She is ever in her place at Divine Service on the Lord's Day. Her gentle, friendly manner and her warmth of greeting are as much a part of Grace Church as the Psalms we read and the hymns we sing.

New members on the Vestry in 1911 were Messrs. H. E. Neesley, G. W. Ashton, and E. F. Mayer. The latter was elected to membership in October to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Mr. D. W. Case, senior warden of the Parish. Mr. A. O. Cole was elected senior warden, and Mr. S. C. Rand was elected junior warden in the reorganization of the Vestry due to the death of Mr. Case. In 1912, Mr. H. A. Sino was added to the Vestry.

'Let There Be Light'

In 1913 the Vestry took the momentous step of voting electric light bulbs for the church.

The year 1914 showed considerable activity among the various organizations of the Parish. A report of the Woman's Auxiliary in May, 1914, listed the following disbursements: General Missions \$10.00; Diocesan Missions \$5.00; Alaska Scholarship \$5.00; Sewanee, Tennessee, \$10.00; St. Mary's, Keokuk (colored) \$10.00; China Emergency \$5.00; St. Monica's Home \$10.00; United Thank Offering \$20.74. During the same year, St. Margaret's Guild undertook a sale of "bread coolers." Gross sales were \$45.60, the cost \$22.50, leaving a fine profit of \$23.10.

The Girls' Friendly receipts for the year were derived from dues and a food sale. Disbursements were made to the Episcopate Fund, Agatha Hospital, a Mission in North Carolina, St. Monica's Home, and various other charitable institutions.

Grace Guild's activities for the year included a reception for the Reverend Wilbur S. Leete and his bride, repairs to the kitchen of the rectory, the papering of the rectory dining room, direction of the yearly cleaning of the church, a rummage sale which netted \$60.00, a "shoe social" which netted \$268.04.

A new name on the Vestry at this time was that of Mr. Guy Marquis.

In February, 1914, Miss Rand was taken seriously ill and was not able to continue as organist. Mr. C. F. Joens substituted for her, and later Mrs. Cockburn was appointed organist.



Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Choir

On Easter Day, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the choir was commemorated, and the Reverend Mr. Leete, having resigned, conducted his last service.

The Reverend W. Ernest Stockley



The Reverend W. E. Stockley

Bishop Morrison conducted a Parish meeting on May 7, and the Reverend W. Ernest Stockley was called to be Rector of the Parish on August 27, 1914. Until his arrival on October 1, services were maintained by visiting clergy.

Father Stockley served the Parish for eleven years which he termed among the happiest in his life. As one of his many contributions to parish growth, the Parish House came into being and was dedicated October 3, 1925. The cost was \$16,000, and all but \$3500.00 of this sum was raised in

advance. Before the Parish House was built, most of the parish affairs had been held at the Odeon or in the I.O.O.F. Building.

Grace Guild was particularly active in promoting the Parish House project. The women met frequently in the old Guild Hall to fry doughnuts and sell them in order to help raise money for this purpose. They raised hundreds of dollars in this manner. Doughnuts were made in batches, one batch yielding five dozen. Mrs. Joe Tucking was the official mixer. Some of the other women who contributed their services on many a Saturday as members of "the doughnut brigade" were: Mrs. Otto Rockrohr, Mrs. William Hensel, Mrs. George Wulf, Miss Louise Sears, Mrs. W. J. Wascher, Mrs. W. Ernest Stockley, Mrs. W. B. Disbrow, Mrs. E. H. Horst, Mrs. E. J. Cole, Mrs. August Heldt, Mrs. A. E. Pinney, Mrs. C. F. Lytle, Mrs. Frank Morey, and Mrs. Hans Timmermann.



THE DOUGHNUT BRIGADE

Mrs. George Wulf, Mrs. Otto Rockrohr, Miss Louise Sears, Mrs. W. E. Stockley, Mrs. A. E. Pinney, Mrs. William Hensel, Mrs. Emory Cole, Mrs. Joe Tucking, Mrs. W. B. Disbrow, Mrs. Frank Morey.



1915 A study of the years of the Reverend Mr. Stockley's service reveals other interesting highlights. In 1915, the Rector was authorized by the Vestry to secure a suitable number of prayer books and hymnals for the church. The organ was repaired, and an electric motor installed at a cost of \$600.

On Easter Day, 1915, Mr. A. L. Holmes retired as choirmaster after 26 years service. In the Rector's words, "the music of the services that day was up to its usual high standard, yet withal, there was a feeling of sorrow in the fact that it was to be the last in which the choir would have his faithful and efficient leadership." A pair of imported field glasses and fittings for a traveling bag were presented to Mr. Holmes on behalf of the Parish, a former communicant, and the present choir, as a token of appreciation of his service. A mahogany tea tray and silver set were presented to Miss Rand in like manner, as she had been identified with the choir during the same period of time.

Mr. Marquis Childs, son of William H. and Lillian Marquis Childs, a prominent Washington correspondent, was born in Lyons, baptized in Grace Church 1901, and confirmed by Bishop Longley in 1915. He is currently a member of the Editorial Staff of the *Episcopal Church News*.



GRACE GUILD

Mrs. Heupel, The Rev. W. E. Stockley, Mrs. Guy Marquis, Mrs. Buell, Miss Miller, (unidentified), Mrs. Jack Scott, Mrs. Satow, Mrs. F. J. Aplin, Miss Miller, Mrs. Will Gode, Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. George Cook, Mrs. Stockley, (unidentified), Mrs. George Ashton, Mrs. Disbrow, Mrs. S. C. Rand, Mrs. E. C. H. Moeszingeer, Mrs. Gage, Mrs. Gordon Heupel, Mrs. Wade.

In October, 1915, Professor H. W. Hartman was appointed choirmaster and remained in that position for nearly two years. The preceding April, Mrs. Cockburn had resigned as organist, and Mrs. Blanche L. Leedham served in her place for two months. On June 1, 1915, Miss Emma Buechner, having been previously appointed, began her duties as organist.

Miss Rand, who had been in failing health for some time, passed to her reward on December 9, 1915. The following February the vestry adopted a resolution of sympathy to the Rand family on the death of Miss Rand.

Sixtieth Anniversary

On December 19, 1915, Bishop Longley visited the Parish to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of its organization. New names on the Vestry for that year were Messrs. Fred Reusche, F. A. Upton, and Earl Wilkinson.

1917 In 1917, the Church Pension Fund began operations. The conditions facing the aged and disabled ministers of the Gospel were pitiable. The ministry, a calling second to none in honor, dignity, and holding the highest respect of every community, led to final years of fear, deprivation, and the humiliation of charity because in most cases salaries were inadequate to provide for old age. Since then this great fund has extended its protection automatically and unfailingly to many beneficiaries. Its aid goes to aged or disabled clergymen, their widows, and minor orphans.

In 1917, the Vestry voted to change the church year to the calendar year and on June 10, 1917, the Reverend W. Ernest Stockley took charge of the choir and remained as director until his resignation in 1925.

Following the resignation of Miss Buechner as organist on March 1, 1918, Mrs. Blanche Leedham assumed her duties as organist on March 8. In the same year Mr. J. W. Miller became a vestryman.

1918 Ladies' Voices Added to Choir

In September, 1918, the Rector felt that some ladies' voices must be added to the choir in order to maintain the service as it had been increasingly difficult to get good boy voices. In the Rector's opinion, the problem was due "largely to the abuse of the voice in frantic yelling in athletic sports."

As the situation is appraised nearly forty years later, the real reason for the necessity of a choir of mixed voices was the lack of the inspired and dedicated leadership, which Mr. A. L. Holmes and Miss Electa Marion Rand gave over their many, many years of devoted services. More and more the results of their work can be appreciated. Probably the greatest legacy Grace Church has ever inherited was their evangelism cloaked in the cultural and character building influence of Grace Church Vested Choir. The boy choir – most persons do not realize what a great and traditional institution it is in the history of the church since earliest times – had a marvelous part in the life of the Parish.

The Vestry at this time authorized the Rector "to add such ladies' voices to the choir as he deemed necessary," an arrangement which has continued to the present time.

Since music is an integral part of the Episcopal worship, it is interesting to note from the earliest beginnings, the Parish had been aware of the importance of the music. Our first Fifty-Year History says, "we find the service of song established at the very beginning of the parish history." The addition of the ladies' voices has maintained the dignity so necessary to our beautiful services. We are greatly indebted to all who have given their time and talent to the music of the Church.

We have no definite records of the effect of World War I on Grace Church. However, it is known that many young men were in the service of their country during these years. As far as is known there were no battle casualties. Verne Wright died at Camp Dodge of the influenza epidemic.

A beautiful plaque hangs in the rear of the church upon which the names of the following World War I Veterans appear:

MEMBERS OF GRACE CHURCH PARISH
WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY IN
WORLD WAR I
1917 - 1918

Lt. Harry L. Leedham	LeRoy E. Rockrohr	Frederick H. Wielage
Marvin P. Wade	Byron R. Pinney	Ernest Osborn
Arnold E. Rockrohr	Albert Kofahl	David A. Larson
Arthur H. Brayton	Arthur J. Sorensen	John Rockwood
Egbert W. Cowan	Franklin Manz	Kenneth K. Reynolds
Alfred W. Sievers	Evert Smith	James Heidt
George Gassaway	Harry W. Johnson	Ralph Hopkins
Elmer H. Spahn	Bert Heidt	Hans Timmerman
Charles R. Aplin	George Hutchins	John S. Lund
H. Dudley Wade	Harry W. Horst	Roy Reusche
Walter Reusche	Hiram R. Krause	Earl F. Heidt
Ralph F. Tiesse	Fred Hopkins	Charles Heidt

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Alfred K. Meyer	Theo. L. McDaniels
Marquis W. Childs	J. Ernest Stockley

1920 In 1920 a cabinet was provided for the service flag.

1922 Mr. D. E. Hemstock was added to the Vestry in 1920, and new names on the Vestry in 1922 were Messrs. H. P. Hagge and Gus Ehlers. Vestry notes for that year show the Parish House project was proposed, with action to be taken in the spring. The Reverend Mr. Stockley outlined the plan for the Parish House and also authorized the formation of an Advisory Council.

Twelfth Night Parties

Christmas in Grace Church in the days before the Parish House was built in 1925 created a problem. The children were to be entertained as a part of the Church School Program, but there were no homes large enough to hold them all, and there was no place suitable in, or around the church.

As the men and women were determined that the children should have as fine a celebration as any provided in the entire city, they rented a hall large enough to accommodate the children and their parents as well. The Odeon Society, the trustees of the I.O.O.F. and the Masonic Temple were willing to rent their buildings for a consideration on January 6, since the buildings were always available on that night. This being the Epiphany, or Feast of the Three Kings, and falling within the season of the Church Year known as Little Christmas, proved to be a most suitable occasion for all concerned. Thus it became a tradition that Grace Church should celebrate Christmas with a huge party of games, carols, gifts, and good things to eat every Epiphany at the Odeon.

The women provided good food and invited the entire Parish for the evening. After dinner, there was a simple program given by the children which included readings, carols, a visit from Santa Claus, and the distribution of gifts. Mrs. William Wascher was occasionally asked in late years to direct the children in these exercises or in a series of one-act plays. The men provided an orchestra, so that the young people and their parents could dance.

Sometimes the merriest lad of all would be appointed to the ancient office of "Lord of Misrule," and after the old time fashion, this merry monarch would inaugurate his reign by turning with his magic power all the company into children, absolving them of all wisdom, and bidding them to be just wise enough to make fools of themselves. Under his sway, the Lord of Misrule directed many orthodox games such as Blind Man's Buff, Puss in the Corner, Pin the Tail on the Donkey; for those who were a little older, there were charades.

The most fun was derived from "Questions and Commands," when the leader asked some ridiculous question or commanded an impossible feat. On failure to comply, he imposed as a penalty, the blackening of the face or the payment of a forfeit. [The above was written for the Historical Pageant for the Centennial by Father Williams.]

On July 10, 1922, the Reverend Mr. Stockley attended the General Convention in Portland, Oregon, as delegate from Iowa. Bishop Morrison appointed Mr. Earl Mayer as Lay Reader for the Parish for the last half of that year. In December, 1922, a Committee on Ways and Means was appointed by the Vestry to raise money to pay off debts.

In 1923 Dr. H. L. Leedham was added to the Vestry. The committee on buildings and grounds was also authorized to proceed if necessary to connect with the sewer.



The Laying of the
Parish House Cornerstone
The Reverend W. E. Stockley
The Right Reverend
Theodore N. Morrison,
Fourth Bishop of Iowa

In 1924 the Vestry moved that the Parish endorse the Parish House project. The committee subsequently appointed for the Cornerstone project included Messrs. A. O. Cole, S. C. Rand, E. F. Mayer, H. P. Hagge, and Gus Ehlers.

New names on the Vestry in 1925 were Messrs. Leon Wulf, and R. A. Hershire. Later in the same year Mr. Otto Rockrohr was added to the Vestry.

It is noted in the available material that the Articles of Incorporation of Grace Church Parish were renewed in 1924.

In 1925, the Rector was instructed to record the valuation of the church building at \$10,000.00 and the furniture at \$5,000.00.

On May 10, 1925, the Reverend Mr. Stockley resigned after eleven years' service. The Reverend F. G. Williams, his successor, wrote the following summary of the life and work of the Reverend Mr. Stockley.

"Father Stockley was well known in the community where he endeared himself to those about him because of a willingness to serve. His mild, sweet nature was sympathetic in any hour of need, and he responded quickly to any overtures toward friendship. He was active in civic affairs and in the promotion of enterprises for the public good. A fraternal society of which he was a member gave him highest honors because of his devotion to its program and work. He served in the Diocese of Iowa as a member of the Standing Committee, a member of the Bishop and Council, Secretary of the Diocesan Convention, Editor of the *Iowa Churchman*, and was twice elected a deputy to General Convention.

"During Father Stockley's rectorship, the Parish House was built and most of the money raised to pay for it. He left Clinton in June but returned when it was dedicated by Bishop Morrison on October 4, 1925, and took part in the ceremonies.

"As he was greatly loved in the parish, his resignation came as a distinct shock. During his incumbency he had drawn the people together into a common bond and had made them into one family in Christ. He became a personal friend to each member, and it was a day of sorrow when he took his leave to go to Fort Dodge.

"No less beloved were his good wife and his two fine children, Ernest and Marjorie (now Mrs. Daniel Kerr). Members of the congregation still keep in touch with them though they have been away from Clinton for thirty years.

"Father Stockley visited Grace Church many times during the first year he was rector of St. Mark's, Fort Dodge, often called to assist at a funeral, a baptism, or a wedding of those most dear to him. In these visits, the new rector was to find a new friend.

"During Lent the following year he came on invitation to preach, bringing a message of deep affection and encouragement. He explained how that, while he would ever be interested and concerned in the joys and sorrows of his former friends and associates, he could no longer respond to any request to return as an officiant. The new rector, he explained, was here to serve the people and he must be given the opportunity to come close to them. He was certain, he said, that if they would look to him with confidence and affection, they would soon adjust to a change that they had found so difficult."

Father Stockley's records at Grace include:

Baptisms 161 Confirmations 166 Marriages 98 Burials 150

The Reverend Frederic G. Williams

The committee appointed to select a new rector included Messrs. Holmes, Cole, Rand, Mayer, and Upton. On August 12, the Reverend F. G. Williams was nominated as Rector, assuming his duties on September 1, 1925.

As Father Williams once had said early in his rectorate, "I am but an instrument in all our good work — I am among you as one that serveth and I beg you to use me." The Reverend F. G. Williams has continued to serve Grace Church Parish from that time and is still our Rector after thirty years. Our parish during these years under his guiding hand has benefited greatly by an uninterrupted ministry. The progress of Grace Church from 1925 on is more or less due to his efforts in cooperation with the fine vestrymen and the other church organizations. God has blessed our endeavors for the good of His Church and the advancement of the kingdom of God.

Father Williams also took charge of the choir until the appointment of Mr. Samuel B. Green in December, 1927. The latter was succeeded by Mr. Elvin L. Horst in March, 1928. The Rector resumed direction of the choir a short time thereafter, and such arrangements have continued to the present time.



Parish House - 1925

The Parish House Dedicated

On September 2, 1925, the entire indebtedness of the Parish House was computed, and the loan on the same was arranged by the Vestry. Following its dedication on October 3, 1925, the Parish House was turned over to Grace Guild to manage; the Vestry, however, voted to get chairs for the building. The Easter offering of 1903 was used to start the Parish House Fund. When completed, the Parish House symbolized the dream of many years, for at long last Grace Church had a place of its own to hold the activities of the guilds and other organizations of the Parish.

The architecture was of English design with a stucco exterior. The first floor provided adequate space for an auditorium, adapted to various uses, a stage, and a well equipped kitchen. The basement provided space for a large dining hall. Eventually the basement would provide space for Sunday School rooms so that different age groups would have classrooms of their own.

1926

In 1926, the Vestry consisted of Messrs. A. O. Cole, A. L. Holmes, E. F. Mayer, E. C. H. Moeszinger, H. P. Hagge, L. G. Wulf, R. A. Hershire, S. C. Rand, E. H. Horst, F. A. Upton, J. W. Miller, J. H. White, H. A. Sino, E. J. Cole, and Dr. H. L. Leedham. Mr. E. F. Mayer resigned as treasurer, and Mr. E. H. Horst, elected treasurer, has continued ever since.

Mr. Homer Logsdon became a member of the Vestry later in the year and gave devoted service to a fine Boy Scout troop of thirty members. The troop was the only completely uniformed Scout troop in the city. They had also organized a Drum and Bugle Corps.

On April 15 of that year, the Rector was instructed by the Vestry to receive subscriptions to the *Iowa Churchman* at thirty-five cents each.

At this time the Vestry provided for the removal of the rear addition to the rectory, the proper enclosure to be made, and a back porch built. Mr. A. C. Sino became a new member of the Vestry this year.

1927

The Vestry requested that management of the Parish House be returned to them, but that Grace Guild make a monthly pledge of thirty dollars toward payment of the debt and the cost of operation. It is worthy of note that Grace Guild was unwilling at that time to turn over the management of the Parish House to the Vestry. The Guild with Mrs. A. E. Pinney serving as its president made several additions to the equipment in the Parish House. The income of the group for the year was \$1400.88.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew was reorganized with the help of Mr. Humphrey Dixon. The members were Stanley Mayer, Henry Gode, Robert Gradert, Le Roy Hensel, and Jack Cole.

St. Margaret's Guild, an outgrowth of the Girls' Friendly, was organized in 1926. The group dedicated themselves to the renovation of the church. This guild was a separate organization from the one mentioned earlier in this History.

The Every Member Canvass for the year 1927 was significant as Grace Church was classed as a one hundred per cent parish because of the fact that the quota on the Church's Program was met. At this time, the Vestry voted that henceforth the parish apportionment for the National and Diocesan Program would be included in the parish budget. The budget was met. In the same year the Bishop requested that the church endowment funds be pooled for investment protection.

The Depression — 1928-1938

A review of the events of 1928 showed the financial resources of the church to be at a low ebb. The pledge made for the Church's Program had not been met in full, as contributions of the people had been irregular and uncertain, and no income had been received from the Henrietta Henningsen Bequest for two years. The Every Member Canvass, still incomplete for 1929, showed not more than two-thirds of the budget subscribed. At the same time there was need of funds for repairs to the Parish House, Rectory, and Church, as well as for paving assessments.



THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Front row, left to right: Bernice Kamer, Grace Johnson, Leona Horst, Helen Brandt, Helen Willihnganz, Helene Hensel,

Back row: Dorothy McDaniels, Marjorie Stockley, Marjorie Hubbard, Laura Smith, Aroline Fellows, Lucy Miller.

In spite of the discouraging factors, the Rector viewed the coming year with hope. Grace Guild, under the leadership of Mrs. Frank Morey, had met the interest on the Parish House mortgage and reduced the debt another \$200.00. The Woman's Auxiliary, with Mrs. Marquis in charge, had met its annual apportionment through the sale of Christmas cards and calendars. Under Mrs. Nyberg's direction, the Girls' Friendly Society had raised over \$100.00 for the good of the Parish, and the work of the National Organization. The Young People's Fellowship and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew had made progress in "drawing the youth of our church closer to the Master." The Church School showed 100 enrolled with a teaching staff of fifteen. In addition to supporting itself it had contributed nearly \$75.00 for missionary work, \$25.00 for teacher training, and had prepared and sent a mission Christmas box containing Christmas packages for twenty children. St. Margaret's Guild, the youngest of the parish organizations and an outgrowth of the Girls' Friendly, ceased to meet.

New names on the Vestry in 1928 were Messrs. Frank Morey, Samuel Green, Robert Bell, August Heldt, Joseph Tucking, and William White. In that year the Vestry recommended to the Diocesan Convention that the Parish appropriate the amount necessary to place the *Iowa Churchman* in each parish home.

It is interesting to note that a former choir boy, Frederick Henry Wielage, was studying at Nashotah House and was later ordained to the priesthood.

Fortieth Reunion of the Choir

1929

In the Rector's opinion the essence of hope lay in the spiritual advance, which had been shown in a number of ways. The fortieth anniversary of the organization of the choir was approaching. The matter of a fitting observance had been presented to the Vestry, which appointed a general committee to appoint such other committees as should be necessary, and to take full charge of arrangements for the anniversary celebration. The general committee for the observance of the Choir's Fortieth Anniversary met on January 18, 1929, and fixed April 20, 21, and 22 as the time for holding the Choir Reunion. This committee consisted of Messrs. A. L. Holmes, chairman, Edward H. Horst, secretary, John A. Anderson, Robert C. Bell, Jack L. Cole, Marion L. Gundelfinger, William H. Hundley, D. Alvin Larson, Earl F. Mayer, E. Stanley Mayer, Marcus C. Osborn, William Petersen, S. Curtiss Rand, Roy Reusche, Arnold E. Rockrohr, and Arthur J. Sorensen.

Mr. Holmes, having been choirmaster for many years in the past, planned to revive the interest of old choir members and enlist them for further service in preparation for the celebration. Two standing committees were organized. The Corporate Communion Committee was to take the names of confirmed choir members, and by personal solicitation to bring them to frequent communions. This committee soon enlarged its efforts to include all men, with the result that a very large percentage of the men of the Parish were brought to regular attendance at the Holy Communion. The other committee known as the Confirmation Committee attempted to gather former choir boys "for instruction in the Christian verities, and present them to the Bishop for the Sacrament of Confirmation." This effort resulted in the holding of two special classes in 1928.

The services for the three days of reunion were in charge of the Rt. Reverend Theodore Nevin Morrison, D. D., Bishop of Iowa, the Rt. Reverend Harry Sherman Longley, D. D., Bishop Coadjutor of Iowa, the Reverend W. Ernest Stockley, Secretary of the Diocese of Iowa, and the Reverend Frederic G. Williams, Rector of Grace Church. The Rector expressed thanks to "Mr. Holmes and Mr. Rand and all the members of their committees for the splendid work they were able to accomplish through the Choir Reunion" which successfully commemorated the fortieth anniversary of the founding of Grace Church choir. Father Williams noted that the celebration was a real memorial to Miss Electa Marian Rand to whose memory the book entitled *The Story of Grace Church Vested Choir* (published in the anniversary year) was lovingly dedicated.

Arthur Brayton served as toastmaster. Mr. Brayton, a former choir boy, had become a well known after dinner speaker, and was in top form on this occasion.

During the forty years' existence of the Boys' Vested Choir, one of the first in the Midwest, three hundred forty-six boys have been identified with it. They are now scattered throughout the world, and many are active in various parishes, rendering service to God and His Church as wardens, vestrymen, and lay readers. The extent of their work and achievements cannot be over estimated. The lasting influence of the church training they received while in the choir has proved of great importance in their lives.



Fortieth Choir Reunion - April 22, 1929

At the end of the year in which the great depression struck the nation, Father Williams noted that he was making his fifth report to the Parish of Grace Church, and that in September he would celebrate his fifth anniversary as Rector. In taking stock of the year's achievements the Rector voiced dissatisfaction with poor church attendance, even though the "machinery" of the church was running smoothly. He called attention to the fact that "there is no other way to make Christians except by making churchmen out of them." In spite of the excellent work done by the Corporate Communion Committee under the direction of Mr. Holmes, which brought men to church who had been away for years, the great mass of people who maintained a nominal adherence were not coming to church.

On the other hand, the Rector stated that genuine cooperation and interest had been shown in the material welfare of the church, with every item noted in the previous year's report receiving attention. Grace Guild, with Mrs. Frank Morey as its faithful manager, had been "the backbone and mainstay of the Parish House." Also, the Guild had offered to finance the cost of redecorating the vestry room and rectory, and the offer was accepted by the Vestry. Through the labors of Mrs. Marquis and Mrs. Rockrohr, the Woman's Auxiliary had paid all bills incurred in the missionary apportionment, even though the income from the Henningsen bequest had not been received. The Woman's Auxiliary voted \$30.00 for the purchase of vestments for the choir. The Church School, Girls' Friendly, and Brotherhood of St. Andrew had functioned as usual. The Rector noted that the Young People's Fellowship was not as strong as it had been, even though it had accumulated more money. This was due to the fact that, although the group had the same number of young people, fewer attended the meetings. However, a new feature in the work of the Young People was the *Church Porch* which the group prepared and mailed without expense to the parish. It was published twice a month as a means of disseminating the church news throughout the parish, and had been received with much praise and gratitude.

Additional events of 1929 included the election of Mr. A. J. Sorensen to the Vestry, and the receipt of a generous contribution of \$25.00 made by Mrs. Brayton toward the cost of new hymnals for the pews. It is worthy to note that Lent and Easter were very good in 1929, with over 200 communions made at Easter and 180 at Christmas. Many visits were also made by friends from other churches.

1930

Mr. Edward Sullivan and Mr. William Smith became members of the Vestry in 1930. In the preceding August the Vestry had considered Diamond Jubilee plans to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Parish. However, these do not seem to have materialized, probably because of the depression which then gripped the nation.

A matter of concern was the failure of the Parish to meet the yearly contribution of \$1000 for field work requested by the National Church. Foremost among the causes for this shortage was the depression of the year; but second, in the Bishop's opinion, was the discarding of the duplex system in favor of the one pocket envelope. The Rector quoted a canon of the Diocese which carried the implication that duplex envelopes ought to be used and an extra parochial treasurer assigned the task of collections, so as to guarantee provision for the National Church's Program.

Although the Parish House debt had been reduced another \$200, leaving a balance of \$2700.00, there was need for additional funds to meet a debt of \$660.00 borrowed for paving assessments which the First National Bank was then demanding, and to cover the estimated cost of \$1000.00 for needed exterior repairs to the Parish House. Since the Bishop was unwilling to have the debt of \$2700.00 increased to a sum to include the additional items, the Rector raised the question, "What shall we do about it?" He also stressed the need for leadership in the Parish, for more choir recruits, and for men in the Church School.

Among the encouraging signs was the fact that most of the year's bills had been paid, and a substantial balance was left in the treasury, although reduction of pledges, or failure to make specific pledges, did not augur well for the year in view. Nevertheless, the Church School had shown a decided increase during the year with over a hundred enrolled. Mr. and Mrs. George Day were directing a group of young people meeting each Sunday night. Mr. Holmes and his assistants had succeeded well in securing the attendance of the men at the Holy Communion. The Vestry had assumed the responsibility for maintenance of the Parish House, (Grace Guild to pay \$500.00 a year to parish funds,) had covered all needs without further indebtedness, and in addition had purchased new prayer books for the pews. Grace Junior Guild had purchased and presented to the Parish a new carpet for the center aisle of the church, as a thank-offering on the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Parish. The Girls' Friendly Society had performed necessary work in the Chancel and Sanctuary and had made and presented a new Eucharistic vestment to the Rector as a Christmas gift. The Rector was deeply touched by this gesture, and also by a personal gift of \$40.00 in gold made by parish members.

Among Grace Church members taken by death in 1930 were Mr. Felix Aplin, Mrs. Mary Westbrook Leffingwell, Mr. John White, and Dr. Harry Leedham.

At the Diocesan Convention permission was granted by legal conveyances to increase the mortgage limit to \$3500.

Plan For Financing Parish House Debt

1931 The Vestry adopted a plan for financing the Parish House indebtedness plus other debts to the amount of \$3500.00. Individual subscriptions of 35¢ units per month over a period of five years were to be solicited. Two hundred such subscriptions would be needed to clear the indebtedness. Pledges totalling \$861.00, payable over five years, were secured to relieve the burden of this debt, according to the five year plan. The Parish House debt was reduced by \$200.00 during the year, and the interest met.

Mr. Tucking and Mr. Morey became permanent ushers in 1931.

On December 7, 1931, it was necessary for the Vestry to secure a short term loan of \$300.00 in order to pay the Rector's salary and a bill of \$95.00 for repairs.

As a means of awakening members to the responsibilities as well as possibilities which lay in their path as a Christian brotherhood, the Rector suggested regular and faithful attendance at Divine Worship and noted that the congregations had gradually increased during the year. Great credit for the growing male congregation of worshippers was given to Mr. A. L. Holmes. The Rector expressed gratitude for his excellent work of personal evangelism, noting that he had served on the Vestry continuously since attaining his majority, and had maintained and directed a boys' choir for 25 years, as well as being an important factor in the Brotherhood of St. Andrew work since 1905.

A similar evangelistic work had been done by two groups of girls in the Girls' Friendly Society under the direction of Miss Bessie Sorensen, with several serving as members of the choir and in Church School, and six had been presented for confirmation. The splendid work of these two groups and the older group known as the Associates, directed by Mrs. Russell Nyberg, helped to bring national recognition for our Girls' Friendly work. This recognition came partly because our branch, organized in 1905, was the oldest in Iowa.

The Rector stated that work with the young people's groups had been hindered "by the increasing demand made upon the children by the public schools, and by a decided lack of parental cooperation" in getting the boys and girls out for the various activities.

Lent and Easter were good in 1931, and Christmas was excellent. Extra offerings were large and helped to complete the year without a deficit, in spite of fear of the consequences of the depression and possible loss of income through unemployment. All the work of the Parish showed a steady advance. The work of the Guild and Auxiliary had been effectively coordinated under the leadership of Mrs. E. R. Cooke. The Junior Guild had been able to pay in full its obligation on the church carpet and still had a substantial balance in its treasury. Mrs. Gus Ehlers retired as sponsor during the year and was succeeded by Mrs. A. E. Pinney.

A new roof for the Rectory and a new heating plant were added during the year "without serious losses or set back."

1932 In his report for the year 1932, the Rector stressed the need for a "New Year" following the losses, sorrows, sufferings, and disillusionments of the preceding period, pointing out the fact that it is not easy to have faith, and to face the future courageously in the midst of hunger and poverty.

The Rector noted that spiritually the Church was "showing signs of germination." Lent and Easter were "real revivals;" there was an increase of 32% in the male attendance over the previous year (no actual record was kept of the women); and there was no summer slump in attendance. Christmas services were also well attended, with exceptionally large offerings at both Christmas and Easter, considering the times.

Reports of the various organizations showed that Grace Guild had struggled through a very hard year and managed to pay its pledge in full. The work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, under the leadership of Mr. Holmes, was flourishing, with members meeting weekly and being regular in attendance on Sundays. During the year

the Vestry had cooperated with the Brotherhood in sponsoring a Mother's Day Breakfast. The membership of the Church School was almost a hundred with a "staff of devoted teachers." The school supported itself and also paid \$50 toward the church's program and \$10 to the Ames Building Fund during 1932. In addition it sent a Christmas box to the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Davenport. The Girls' Friendly Associates had faithfully performed the work of caring for the Altar and vestments, and made contributions for choir music, altar candles, linens, and vestments. The Girls' Friendly Juniors and Candidates had also worked faithfully "in the five fields of service." The necessity to curtail expenses had somewhat limited the use of the Parish House and thus the work with the young people.

The results of the Every Member Canvass, conducted by letter, were not encouraging, with only one-third of the pledge cards returned; some reduced pledges; and some returned "with the notation that a pledge is out of the question this year." The Rector urged the making of a pledge, however small, and its regular payment.

New names on the Vestry for 1932 were Messrs. W. T. R. Smith, Robert Gradert, and Lambert Ziegler, who was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. William Smith.

1933 Vestry notes for the year 1933 show that Grace Junior Guild was responsible for having the organ rebuilt at a cost of \$200.00. This organization also contributed \$30.00 to the Vestry and purchased coal for the Parish House. The Church School contributed \$50.00 to the payment of interest on the Parish House debt, and Miss Helen Hensel revived the work of the Girls' Friendly. The work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was the most encouraging in the Parish, as thirty boys were organized into two chapters with Mr. Holmes and Mr. Everett Jones, directors. Pledges were conservative in this difficult year, some almost niggardly, and insufficient for the budget, but it was the best canvass made to date.



BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

First row, left to right: Leonard Ketelsen, Harold Bingamon, the Reverend F. G. Williams, Emmett Jordan, Arthur L. Holmes.

Middle row, Everett Jones, Don McCune, Woodland Hall, Woodrow Jordan.

Back row: Arthur Fleming, Robert Jurgenson, George White, Kenneth Anderson. Elbert Getty.

Parish House Fire

The Parish House was badly damaged by fire on December 27, 1933; but with the help of insurance money it was restored to good condition and, in the following year, it was available for use in the promotion of money-making schemes to meet the shortage in the budget.

1934 In 1934 the Parish struggled through a continuing depression involving many sacrifices and tribulations. The Rector noted that the New Year came as a challenge in which success or failure would be measured by courage, faithfulness to ideals, and energy put forth "to provide an honest chance for eager humanity."

Financially, the year 1934 was one of excessive economy, with most of the local bills being paid. However, there was a small floating debt of \$300.00 at the bank, the Diocesan assessment was \$345.87 in arrears, as was also the Rector's salary in the sum of \$292.00. Steps had been taken to retire the bank loan and to pay the first quarter of the 1935 assessment to the Diocese so as to avoid going further into debt. The critical financial condition of the Parish in 1934 becomes apparent when it is noted that the Vestry had a balance of exactly \$8.49 on hand on August 1 of that year. However, a project to take off the stucco and put shingles on the exterior of the Parish House was well under way in 1934.

The Guilds continued their splendid work. Grace Guild paid its pledge in full. The retirement of its leader, Mrs. E. R. Cooke, brought many words of appreciation from Father Williams for her years of faithful service through an extremely difficult period. The Junior Guild was showing signs of "lifting power." Its president, Miss Alyce Angell, was retiring after one year of service during which the Guild contributed nearly \$100 to the Church's work. Miss Else Sino was the incoming president.

The Senior Girls' Friendly had the responsibility "of the religious education of the young." The members taught in the Church School and also had complete charge of the Altar. Mrs. Edward Milder was the incoming president. Junior G. F. S. members were learning about service in the Sanctuary under the direction of Miss Bessie Sorensen, then vice president of Girls' Friendly Society of Iowa.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, though still functioning, had had its ranks depleted by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Mr. A. L. Holmes continued to sponsor the Senior Chapter, and Mr. Everett Jones, the Boys' Chapter. The Church School continued in its usual good form, and the Every Member Canvass presented a more hopeful outlook than in the previous year.

Although Lent, Easter, and Christmas had been very good, the Rector urged more faithful church attendance, stressing the need for a more robust faith in the current trying times.

Vestry notes show that plans had been made for Grace Church to entertain neighboring parishes in November of that year, a bishop, a priest and a woman to be sent from National Headquarters for the occasion.

1935 New names on the Vestry in 1935 were the Messrs. Louis Kirst, Russell Nyberg, James Babcock, and Everett K. Jones. Also, Miss Bessie Sorensen was named treasurer of the Church's Program and served for a number of years.

In the Rector's words in his report for the year 1935, "the past year has been better for our local Parish both spiritually and financially." Though "not what it should be," church attendance had improved. The year had seen completion of the exterior work on the Parish House and the bill was paid.

The Rector called for donations for needed work to restore the church building, since the budget did not provide for repairs. The Diocesan assessment was paid in full, and about \$50.00 was paid on old assessments. Payment of the interest on the Parish House debt and \$200.00 on the floating debt were managed by the Parish.

A four day Harvest Festival was held October 1 to 5 to mark the opening of the newly remodeled Parish House, following the fire of the previous winter. The debt now stood at \$3200.00 on the tenth anniversary of its dedication.



Remodeled Parish House

Grace Guild had been able to pay its pledge in full and also to contribute \$140.00 on the Parish House indebtedness. The Junior Guild had paid a pledge of \$60.00 and had contributed \$25.00 to the work on the Parish House, as well as two evenings' entertainment at the Harvest Festival.

In 1935 a plan was entered upon with the Diocese of Iowa, known as the Fifty-month Plan, whereby the delinquent and current Diocesan assessment could be liquidated. The Parish was \$375.00 in arrears. By this plan we were to pay current assessments and additional amounts of five or six dollars per month on the old debt. This was necessary to maintain our parish's standing in the Diocese and for representation at the Diocesan Convention.

Merger of Organizations

1936 The Rector noted that the present plan was "to merge all working organizations into one Grace Guild-Auxiliary" to eliminate "needless competition and confusion because of rival working organizations." The Senior Girls' Friendly had already signified its intention of becoming a division of Grace Guild-Auxiliary, but the matter had yet to be presented to the members of the Junior Guild for consideration.

1936 The Rector expressed appreciation to Mrs. Charles Satow, who had served the Church as organist for almost a year without remuneration; to the choir members, who gave their time to the music of the Church "for the sheer love of it."

The Rector suggested in 1936 that the parish meeting take steps to remedy the condition of the Vestry, heretofore composed of fifteen members. Many of these men were irregular in attendance, indifferent to their duties, and most of the work fell on the devoted, faithful few. The Vestry is the Board of Trustees of our Parish, and it should be the duty of its members to aid and support the Rector in all efforts for the spiritual welfare of the Parish and its growth. It is the duty of the Vestry to transact all temporal business of the Parish. At his suggestion the size of the Vestry was reduced to eleven members, all committed to the standard of expectancy as duly elected representatives of the Parish. A new name on the Vestry in 1936 was that of Mr. A. Holle.

1937 The Harvest Festival proceeds were used to pay the interest during the year 1937. A thousand dollars was paid on the principal that year; however, financial problems continued to plague the Parish. Although the Diocesan assessment was in arrears, it was very urgent that the Rector's salary, voluntarily reduced during the depression years, be restored.

Grace Guild needed recruits as too few women of the Parish were active in this good work.

The Rector's message for 1937 was one of hope, encouragement, and cheer following lean years suffered since 1930, and this in spite of the fact that the year had been another of desperate struggle. It ended with a deficit of about \$450.

On the bright side were several developments. Grace Guild, led by Mrs. Charles Gabriel, had paid its pledge in full and had contributed an extra \$50 toward the running expenses of the Parish. The outlook for the New Year was promising because many of the younger women had joined the Guild, bringing encouragement to the older women. The Church's Program had been paid in full; \$54.10 of this pledge having been raised by the children of the Church School. Miss Marjorie Mayer was doing a splendid piece of work with the Primary Department at this time; the entire Church School numbered about 100 children. The members of the choir and the servers, who assisted the priest, were gratefully commended by the Rector for faithful service. The Parish House debt had been reduced to \$1800.

The Rector noted that everyone, regardless of talent, could help the Parish in its "splendid battle for existence" by attending church faithfully. In addition he pointed out the fact that newcomers to the city would more likely be attracted to a church that was a "going concern."

Among members lost to the Parish through death in 1937 were Messrs. Ansel O. Cole, and Frank I. Morey. Mr. Cole had been a member of Grace Church for 45 years, a vestryman for 35 years, and a senior warden for 27 years. Mr. Morey had been a parishioner and vestryman of Grace Church for ten years.

New names on the Vestry in 1937 were Mr. Byron R. Pinney and Dr. A. K. Meyer.

The Picture Brightens

1938 The year 1938 was a good one for the Parish. During this year under the leadership of Miss Henrietta Horst, the Parish House debt campaign reduced the mortgage by \$500, and \$470 was paid the Diocese of Iowa in back assessment. Of the latter sum, \$150 was contributed at Christmas time by Grace-Guild Auxiliary. The Iowa State Bank was paid \$200 to meet the temporary loan made in 1932. The Church's Program for 1938 was overpaid by about \$9, and the old coal bill unpaid in 1936 was reduced to \$25.

Church attendance was better in 1938, with more communions and deeper interest and devotion shown. The Every Member Canvass for 1939 was the best since 1929. Some large increases were made, and many who had not been pledging for years began again.

Many groups contributed to the year's success. The Vestry gave "many hours of devoted service." The Guild members, through many sales, bazaars, and suppers, paid their pledge in full, and an additional \$150, as noted above. The Guild numbered 50 members under the leadership of a board of lady managers—Mrs. Charles Satow, Mrs. S. C. Rand, and Mrs. Frank Schneider. The choir served without pay and often purchased its own music. Miss Kathryn Wilson, the organist, returned almost a whole year of her pay to the Church and made a splendid contribution of self-sacrificing service.

A new venture in community work in the year 1938 was the organization of the Youth Activities Club, a group of twenty young women, which met once a month to sponsor and promote young people's recreation. Their first project was to pay the expense of a social dancing class, the members serving as chaperons. Some ninety children were enrolled and enjoyed this wholesome recreation in the Parish House. The adult and youth groups introduced Grace Church to many people. Later the club sponsored Girl Scout Troops.

The Church School continued to make a steady advance as was shown by the children's lively interest in all church activities, and by the increase in average attendance as shown by the following figures: 1934—46 pupils per Sunday; 1935—38 pupils per Sunday; 1936—35 pupils per Sunday; 1937—66 pupils per Sunday; 1938—74 pupils per Sunday.



In 1939 the Vestry gratefully accepted an offer from a member of the Parish, presented by Dr. A. K. Meyer, to repair the tower and vestibule of the church. The most evident part of this restoration was the replacement of beautiful Gothic doors for the entrance. The Parish House debt was reduced to \$1000.00 at this time. Messrs. Carl Baker and Marcus Osborn were named to the Vestry. The latter was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. A. L. Holmes in that year.

The example of the fine churchmanship and the great and lasting influence of Mr. Holmes' unselfish contribution is being felt even today, through the regular attendance at Grace Church of his choir boys.

1940

In this restless year of 1940, rumors of war were persistently heard. The Rector found himself more concerned with the principles on which our country was founded. "Our glorious heritage is endangered. Not by flying machines and military might. It is endangered by our own selfishness and smug satisfaction. We don't need religion, we're as good as we can be; and yet, we sing lustily 'God Bless America' as if God had every right to bless those who have all but forgotten Him. Man, who so completely forgets his Maker, must not be surprised if some day he becomes aware that God, too, has forgotten.

"Before it is too late, let us return to the principles which make us a great people. Let us use not our liberty as a cloak of maliciousness, not as a means of satisfying our own selfish demands upon a wealthy world, but as the opportunity of best serving God and mankind — the only perfect democracy. 'Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled with the yoke of bondage.' "

Since last general convention, the watchword was "Forward in Service." The Rector expressed impatience with persons who profess to be Episcopalians, but who do not attend services or support the church as they should.

Grace Church had consistently gone forward financially for the past several years. The Fifty-month Plan for paying the delinquent Diocesan assessment was faithfully carried out, and with the December payment of 1940, the debt was cancelled.

The Church's Program for 1940 was paid in full, notwithstanding the fact that the 1940 pledge was an increase of \$50.00 over 1939; for 1941, the Parish increased its giving $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. In addition, Grace Church pledged an amount of \$71.00 to the relief of British Missions. Total collections for needed repairs to the church were \$340.17.

Grace Guild, under the direction of Mrs. Carl Baker, had worked faithfully throughout the year and made a special offering to the church repair fund of \$125.00. The Rector said, "I often think of our ministering women as those 'who follow Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him.'"

Industrial development in Clinton brought many church families to the city. Grace Church attracted many of these into her religious life.

The War Years

1941 Within the space of a twelvemonth, much had taken place to disturb the peace and prosperity of our land. We had ceased to be disinterested onlookers in the world battle for supremacy, but a sharer in the conflict itself. The powers of evil had set themselves loose to destroy every vestige of human freedom, to dispossess man of his property, to bind him in the chains of slavery or to leave him wounded and dying, the victim of savage cruelty. We faced despair, malice, intrigue and murder, and we needed religion to make us stronger in the face of great evil.

"And we have in America the greatest variety of religions the world has ever known. The Pilgrim Fathers, legend tells us, came to this good land that they might find the opportunity to worship God in their own way, and since that time, every new form of religion which could be conceived in the mind of man has found a refuge here, and with us all, a toleration. We lament, sometimes, our unhappy divisions when we remember it is the same God, the same Lord, the same Creator and Redeemer Whom we worship, though each, in his own way. Yet, we should prefer religious freedom to any regimentation whatsoever. Perhaps the same competition which has given zest to life in all the other fields of endeavor is also a good thing in

the field of religion. Though disunited and weak, the faith has been kept inviolate, and our holy religion pure and clean. And now, in this hour of our Country's need, our boasted freedom of religion must not default in the essentials of religion and a program of Christian endeavor." [Father Williams's letter.]

This year had been a happy one because of the fine spirit shown on the part of the parishioners toward every project undertaken for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. The people had a good Lent, a very happy Easter, and an excellent and glorious Christmas. The Rector noted a deepening in the devotional life of the people.

Parish House Debt Paid

It was a momentous year in particular, because indebtedness on the Parish House, built in 1925 and a burden for many years, was paid off in 1941. Much credit is due to Henry P. Hagge, one of the senior members of the Vestry, who formulated plans to finally liquidate the debt and to Miss Henrietta Horst, who volunteered to collect the pledges which cleared the debt.

The Every Member Canvass for 1941, headed by Dr. A. K. Meyer and Mr. Marcus Osborn, was a huge success. Mr. George Day was elected to the Vestry at this time.

A drive was also launched for funds for decorating and renovating the church. It was proposed to change the lighting and to make a complete restoration of the edifice from floor to ceiling.

The Parish House was used a great deal that winter. The Youth Activities Club was sponsoring three Girl Scout troops, and the Parish House was lent to the Lyons Club for meetings one night a month.

1942

"It is significant that men are becoming aware of the value of religion. In a land of drifting sands where all those things which we held as essential to our human life have disappeared, as we stand engulfed in a great war and see our material values turn to ashes in our hand, we reach upward into the realm of the spirit, and try to find there the eternal values 'which we have loved long since and lost a while.' When a mother sends her son into the maelstrom of a vicious struggle to face shot and shell in a world gone made in wicked savagery, to whom may she commend him, but to the care of Almighty God! When sorrows betake us, or death puts forth its icy hand, to Whom may we seek for succor but of Thee, O Lord!" [Father Williams's letter.]

The people prayed for a more robust faith to withstand the fire of war, the turbulence of life. Thirty-seven members of Grace Church were then in the service of their country. A young man wrote home from Guadalcanal and spoke of his desire to be at midnight mass at Grace Church as on previous Christmas Eves.

During the summer and fall of 1942, Grace Guild met and sewed for the Red Cross several times.

Two young men, Alan Tingleff and Dale Baker, received the Rector's cross on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

Word came of the death of the Reverend W. Ernest Stockley, a former rector.

Mr. George Day headed a successful Every Member Canvass. The Parish had spent \$260.00 on transforming the church and making necessary repairs. The report of the treasurer was excellent. In April there was a balance of \$200 in the treasury with all bills paid. It was the first time in many years that such a report could be made. Dr. A. K. Meyer reported the purchase of a new lighting system which consisted of rewiring the church and the hanging of lanterns.

The Herbert Johnstone estate bequeathed \$317.00 to Grace Church, the amount to be used for improvements in the church.

Enrollment at the Church School was small; seventy-five were enrolled, but attendance was poor.

The Misses Leona Horst, Bessie Sorensen, and Mrs. Russell Nyberg were lauded for choir work. Miss Elaine Bair was organist at the time.

The Parish House was being used extensively by the Lyons Club, Youth Activities Club, Scout Troops, and the Fidelity Association. Some thought was given to improving the Parish House that year.

1943 The war continued and the dark years went by, but in the certain triumph of our righteous cause, the children would find peace in the good life again.

Many improvements to the church were under consideration at the time. A new heating plant was the most urgent need, and plans for installation were made; a new furnace was also installed in the rectory. Some minor and necessary repairs to the Parish House were made, but because of the high cost of materials and limitations imposed by the Government in wartime, nothing extensive was undertaken.

Bishop Longley, aged seventy-five, resigned November first, as he had been in failing health for some time. He had been Bishop for thirty-one years. In a special election held in December the Reverend Ernest Kennan was chosen as Bishop. He declined the office, so another election was scheduled in the spring.

Bishop Haines Consecrated

1944 On May 31, 1944, the fifth Bishop of Iowa, the Right Reverend Elwood L. Haines, Dean of Christ Church, Louisville, Kentucky, was consecrated six weeks after the death of Bishop Longley, who had retired the previous November. The clergy of the Diocese of Iowa presented Bishop Haines with a ring, and the Laity gave him his cross. Grace Church assumed its share of this traditional custom.

The presiding Bishop, the Very Reverend Henry St. George Tucker, asked our Rector as president of the Standing Committee to be an attending Presbyter at the consecration services for Bishop Haines. Parish delegates from the Vestry were Messrs. Allen Cruce, George Day, Edward H. Horst, and Doctor A. K. Meyer, the latter also a member of the Standing Committee.

On June first, the Rector celebrated twenty-five years in the Priesthood, nineteen as Rector of Grace Church. A special committee planned a celebration for the event. The first appearance of Bishop Haines at Grace Church was on June third to honor the Rector on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee; his second appearance was on June twenty-third, when a confirmation class of twenty-five was presented by the Rector in thanksgiving of his twenty-five years in the Holy Ministry.

Mr. Frank Brayton, a long time member of Grace Church and a former vestryman, died January 1, 1944. The entire Parish felt the great loss of this fine churchman.

A resolution was passed by the Vestry regarding errant vestrymen. If members missed twelve meetings, the office was declared vacant. Mr. George Day headed the Every Member Canvass, and the budget for 1944 was fully subscribed. Seventy-year-old Grace Guild with Mrs. Edward Milder its new president continued its monthly pledge. The Youth Activities Club, sponsoring three Girl Scout Troops, continued meeting at the Parish House and paid fifty dollars annually for its use.

At this time the Church School needed encouragement as the membership was the smallest in years.

New Organizations

This year saw the organization of three new groups in the Parish, one of the most encouraging signs of growth and progress. It is also a sign of talent and energy seeking a way to help, endeavoring to interest more people in the life of the Church, and giving evidence of the evangelistic spirit.

In March of 1944, Grace Church Men's Club was started. Its history is told in the chapter on parish organizations. A signal honor came to Grace Church in the election of Mr. Byron R. Pinney as the first president of the Episcopal Men of Iowa at a meeting in Ames a month later.

St. Faith's Altar Guild with seven charter members began in November with the initial meeting in the home of Mrs. Allen Cruce, who was elected directress.

Twenty young men and women organized the United Movement of Church Youth.

Eight members of Grace Church Vestry attended a district meeting in Davenport at which sixty vestrymen were present. These men reported they were in favor of the Bishop's efforts to build up mission churches in the Diocese, and the Vestry agreed to accept the allotment of \$884.00 for 1945 for the Parish.

During this period Mrs. Rose Bossen was the church organist.

Resolutions of respect on the death of Earl F. Mayer, a long time member of Grace Church, were adopted by the Vestry and sent to the bereaved family. Mr. Mayer had served on the Grace Church Vestry for nearly thirty years and as treasurer and clerk of the Vestry. His faithful labors for the good of the community and his services for the welfare of his fellowman exemplified the teachings of his church.

World War II Ends

1945 This year saw the close of the long and bitter struggle of World War II - Bataan and Corregedor were over, along with Faid Pass, Dunkerque, and finally Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Those from Grace Church who gave their lives in the service of their country were: Arthur Leroy Ashton, U.S.N., Coral Sea, 1943; Lee Bevier Lampe, Wadtke Island, South Pacific, 1944; Raymond H. Linsen, Region of the Saar, 1944; Harvey Fatchett, France, 1945.

World War II Veterans

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The Revival of Religious Thinking

1946 There was a general awakening of religious thinking that has been recognized as a world wide revival of religion and faith and Grace Church has kept pace with this spiritual activity.

The Rector stressed the need for a more definite responsibility for the moral welfare of the youth. They needed to be taught the principles of Christian living. Parents of the children were charged with the obligation of seeing that the children attended Church School, as well as setting an example to them by attending Church regularly themselves.

New names on the Vestry were Messrs. Franklin B. Ebensberger, J. M. McCathern, A. G. Risch, and Edward Milder. J. M. McCathern directed the Every Member Canvass which was oversubscribed. The pledge to the Diocese increased two hundred dollars over the preceding year. The campaign for the Reconstruction and Advancement Fund, a National Church campaign for the rehabilitation of war-torn areas, was started in October, 1945 to be carried out during the year. Grace Church's quota of \$848 exceeded a \$1,000 in collection.

The Men's Club, with Mr. A. G. Risch as president had three meetings during the year; one of a social nature. The group had several corporate communions for men and boys, acted as ushers, and

conducted a church attendance program, all of which did much to create a happy fellowship and encourage more consistent churchmanship.

Acknowledgements that year were given to Mr. Edward Horst, who had served as treasurer of the Parish for more than twenty years; to Miss Bessie Sorensen who had spent many hours in bookkeeping as financial secretary; to Miss Marjorie Mayer, who served so efficiently as instructor in the primary department of the Church School; and to Mrs. Thomas Hertzberg and all the women of the Altar Guild who gave their time and efforts to the beautifying of the Sanctuary.

Grace Guild continued under the leadership of Mrs. Wascher. The Pence Program had benefited this Guild as over \$200 was contributed in this way. It was necessary to discontinue the doughnut baking as it had been impossible to secure rations of lard and sugar during the war years. \$250 was given by this Guild for a new typewriter and mimeograph to lighten the work of the Rector.

Mr. A. J. Cummings donated a large ventilating fan for the Parish House kitchen. Mrs. Frank Wisner of Laurel, Mississippi, sent a most generous gift of \$750 to be used for "something substantial" for Grace Church. Mrs. Wisner is the daughter of the late Mr. Silas Gardiner.

1947 Our National Church issued a call to the Clergy and laymen alike to make evangelism the ideal and purpose of the years ahead.

A mission was held in the church from October 5-11 by Father Loosemore of Ontario, Canada. Over seven hundred people shared a fine spiritual experience in the Parish.

Financially Grace Church had progressed during the year, and there was a substantial balance in the treasury. All parish organizations were functioning successfully and were doing their utmost to promote the honor due our Lord.

Our people had disbursed about \$12,000 in all departments. Nearly \$1700 had been allocated for the Church's Program; \$2600, for repairs. A new roof had been put on the church; the kitchen in the Parish House had been enlarged and modernized; new linoleum was laid and a new water heater installed. These improvements amounted to \$1150. A person who preferred to be anonymous donated a new gas cook stove for the Parish House.

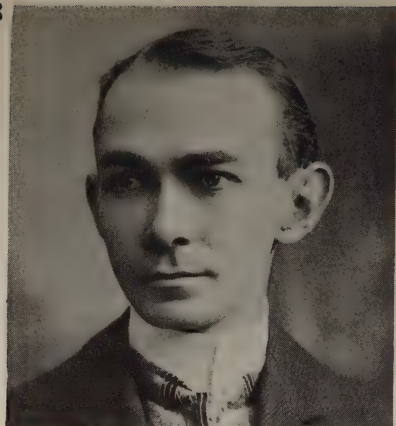
A new heating plant was installed in the church, made possible by Mrs. Frank Wisner's gift of the previous year. Of all modern improvements made to Grace Church property, automatic heat was the most outstanding step to date.

Publishing of the *Church Porch*, a parish bulletin, was undertaken anew by the Rector. The cost was to be paid out of the advertising derived from it. It has proved to be an excellent means of informing members of the Parish and has been invaluable in contacting those who have moved from the city.

The Vestry considered the printing of a parish list to be distributed at the time of the Every Member Canvass. Mr. Byron R. Pinney felt the need was so great that he donated the first church directory published in many years.

Additions to the Vestry were Messrs. A. E. Thuresson, Henry Kreim, and Mitchell Burgess.

1948



Mr. S. C. Rand

June 1, 1948, Father Williams celebrated his thirtieth year in the priesthood, twenty-four as Rector at Grace Church. There were fifteen men on the Vestry in 1925, and only one of the original number, Mr. Edward Horst, long-time treasurer of the Parish, was still serving. Mr. S. C. Rand retired from the Vestry earlier in the year, having served that body faithfully for forty-seven years. At his resignation he was made honorary vestryman by action of the Vestry.

The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief was the national appeal at this time. Grace Church's quota was \$156; the quota for the Diocesan assessment was \$1423.

The Reverend Thomas Horton, D. D., priest for many years at St. John's, Clinton, retired during the year, and Father Williams supplied services until a replacement was secured. The Reverend Robert T. Dickerson was instituted Rector of St. John's on November 2 by Bishop Haines. The congregation of Grace Church omitted the 10:15 services and attended services at St. John's in a body.

A deepening cloud of sorrow closed in upon the Parish of Grace Church late in the summer when the fingers of death touched the brow of Ann Julia Williams, who had lived and worked and died enfolded in the bosom of the Church. Throughout her consecrated years in the Parish, she had become a true and loving friend, a counselor, and a shining star of hope to those who walked with her along the way to Life Eternal. Death also came to Mrs. Charles Satow, Mrs. Emory Cole, Mrs. A. C. Sino, and Mrs. Joseph Tucking.

Twenty-five Years as Rector

1949 On September 1, Father Williams completed one quarter of a century as Rector of Grace Church. In his twenty-five years the Rector noted that growth had been steady. "Our congregations are better; our response to Christian needs is quick and immediate; our spiritual life richer and fuller. Those who have been active could testify if they would, to the mighty changes that have taken place in the hearts and minds of our people. God has greatly blessed us."

The Church School had an enlarged enrollment as one hundred children were attending the instruction in the two departments. There were six teachers on the staff with Mrs. Stanley Mayer in charge of the primary department. Plans were underway to make separate rooms in the basement of the Parish House, so the different age groups could be accommodated.

On October 28, 1949, the Right Reverend Elwood L. Haines, who had been Bishop of Iowa for five years, died.

The following men were elected to the Vestry for the first time: Messrs. Don McCune, A. J. Cummings, and Philo Tucker. The financial picture was good with a substantial balance in the treasury. In addition to meeting all expenses for local work, \$1,339 was spent for Parish House repairs; \$1250 was raised for missionary work; \$600 was received for special offerings. It is interesting that special offerings are always the barometer of the strength and growth of the Parish. Grace Church contributed \$2986.50 to the Diocesan campaign for the Advancement of the Episcopal Church in Iowa. According to the plan, a chapel was to be built in Grinnell in memory of the late Bishop Haines. Simultaneously, a national fund drive for "One World for Christ" was conducted; the Parish's proportionate share was \$155.18.

Approximately sixty women were actively engaged in the work of the Church, with membership almost evenly divided between Grace Guild and St. Faith's Altar Guild. Grace Guild purchased new dishes and other equipment for the Parish House; the Altar Guild secured a new set of Eucharistic vestments for the church.

Mrs. Dudley Kean, nee Beatrice Joyce, kindly mailed a contribution of \$100 for organ repairs. Mrs. Kean, the only living member of the Joyce family, maintains a home in Clinton and pays us an occasional visit.

1950

The Rector spoke of the magnificent accomplishments made in 1950. The Church had no great wealth, but there was a deep sense of loyalty and a constant awareness in the hearts of the people that, by all working together and each doing his level best, much could be accomplished for Christ and His church.

Bishop Smith Consecrated

On January 10, the Reverend Gordon V. Smith, Rector of St. Paul's in Des Moines, was elected the sixth Bishop of Iowa. For the first time, a priest resident in the state was found acceptable to both the clergy and the laity as a bishop. Our Diocesan history says, "The appearance in 1950 of the virtues of faith, hope, and charity in the choice of a prince of the church in a troublous diocese suggests that men of God have been at work." A corporate gift from Grace Church Parish, general throughout the Diocese, was made.

Grace Church made sizable gifts outside the Parish during the year, along with the expenditure of \$2200 for repairs and improvements. More than \$1600 was given to the Church's Program; a new oil burner was installed in the church to replace the stoker; the stoker was transferred in the rectory. The rectory was also painted. The stone work on the church was pointed up, another major improvement. In special offerings, \$850 was raised.

The Guilds had worked together throughout the year in harmony, successfully undertaking a fine bazaar. The groups met together on one occasion, during the campaign for funds for Mount Alverno Home for the aged, and presented a style show, with Mrs. John Mickelson as chairman, which netted \$250 for the project.

The choir needed revitalizing and additional voices were sought to augment the present ones. Mrs. Alvin Nelson became organist at Thanksgiving of this year. Mrs. Don McCune was in charge of the nursery school during the church hour and also was director of the youth work.

In recognition of the twenty-five years that Mr. Edward Horst had served as parish treasurer, Father Williams said, "Special appreciation, not only of the Rector, but of the parish itself is due Mr. Horst. The work connected with his office has been tremendous. No one has any idea of the sacrifice and service he has contributed to the Parish, and no one had endeared himself more in the hearts of our people than Mr. Horst. A fortune has passed through his hands, and his books are kept with meticulous care. Not one penny has he ever received for his services, and not once has he ever complained of the burden of his office. It has been a labor of love, gladly and generously given to God and our church. Watching him build his ladder heavenward has been one of the joys of being pastor of Grace Church." It is also interesting to note that Mrs. Horst, too, has been very active in Grace Church for many years.

1951 With admirable foresight and vision, the Vestry submitted an advanced budget calling for an increase of twenty-two per cent in the pledges. This seemed wise because of increased costs and inadequate insurance. Although more money was raised than ever before, \$500 was lacking to balance the budget. The Christmas offering of 1951 was used for this purpose. Mr. Willis Schuldt was elected to the Vestry at this time.

In January, our Rector married Miss Dorothy Twitchell of Des Moines. A reception to wish them happiness and to welcome Mrs. Williams was given for them in the Parish House.

Rectory Improved

Major improvements were completed at the rectory or, as Marjorie Williams Mowery used to say, "the Wreck-tory." It now boasts a large attractive living room, new dining room, and a convenient modern kitchen. The cost to the Parish of these extensive, but necessary, changes was about \$5000, of which \$1500 was raised in advance, leaving a balance of \$3500 to be amortized over a five year period. The Church's Program of \$1750 dollars was paid in full.

Grace Guild with a membership of thirty-five continued to pay thirty dollars a month towards the parish budget. The members contributed \$300 toward the repair fund and made a special Christmas offering of \$100.

St. Faith's Altar Guild, with a membership of forty-five, contributed \$250 to the repair fund. The Guild purchased a new cope from England at a cost of \$195. This Guild directed the youth work and sponsored a parent-youth dinner and the program with the Very Reverend Russell K. Johnson of the Trinity Cathedral as the guest speaker. There were from twenty to thirty in the organization. Mr. and Mrs. Don McCune continued to direct the work.

St. Helen's Organized

In 1951 the newest organization, St. Helen's Guild, under the direction of Mrs. Walter Bell, came into being under the sponsorship of St. Faith's Altar Guild. The young women of the Parish met once a month for educational and recreational purposes. It filled a growing need for a guild of younger women. With reasonable expectancy the members would, in time, assume their fair share of parish duties and obligations. The members have more than borne out our highest hopes. At the turn of the century there had been a St. Helena's Guild, composed of the little girls of the Parish. Mrs. E. E. Matthiesen, then Dorothea Rodman, and a very little girl, was secretary and treasurer of this guild. The experience must have been very helpful as Mrs. Matthiesen has served as treasurer of Grace Guild for many years.

1952 A much needed cleaning was given to the Parish House basement and a donated oil burner was installed in time for the annual bazaar.

The Vestry approved the formation of a Parish Council which met periodically for a short time. The Messrs. J. Walter Bell, Marvin Thomas, and Warren K. Dann were elected to the Vestry.

In 1952 the budget was successfully met. Grace Guild was released from the thirty dollars monthly payment towards the Parish budget, thus enabling the members to devote their energies toward other worthy and interesting projects.

Attendance records show a slow, but decided, increase in attendance. Bishop's Day was outstanding with twenty-four presented for confirmation. There was an enrollment of one hundred twenty-four in the Church School. The staff included seven teachers and officers. The Men's Club sponsored a Father and Son Banquet as a special event.

1953 The year marked the One Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Iowa. When the Diocesan Convention was held at the Cathedral in Davenport, many from Grace Church attended, and much inspiration was derived from the anniversary observance. As Episcopalians we heeded the words of our Rector who said, "The way to celebrate an anniversary is with a thankful heart for the founders and benefactors, to consider their willing sacrifice, and to treasure our heritage."

The budget was not subscribed in 1953; in fact, it was five hundred dollars short of the goal. This should not be construed as a failure, as more money was pledged than ever before. A large item of \$1600 had been included for repairs. Two thousand dollars was pledged to the support of National and Diocesan work. Members of Grace Church can take great pride in their generous subscription to the great missionary efforts of the Church and their willingness to contribute their share. The missionary thought is always near to our hearts as Grace Church was a mission in its early days.

St. Faith's Altar Guild provided dinner in November to launch the Every Member Canvass, while Grace Guild provided the dinner for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Church School Improved

The basement of the Parish House was remodelled to include three classrooms and an assembly room to house the primary department of the Church School. Mr. D. E. Leslie kindly donated an altar to provide a center of devotion for the children. The primary department of the Church School with the staff of faithful teachers was under the direction of Mrs. Edward Goettsch. Her assistants were Mrs. Robert Lampe, Mrs. Arnold Griffith, and Mrs. William Schwartz. The older children attended a worship service in the Church with the Rector in charge. Mrs. John Mickelson, the organist for the church school, had been serving for a long period.

The Youth Organization met periodically for communion and breakfast with Mrs. Elsie Tanke Osborne as sponsor. Much enthusiasm was shown by the young people who attended a district meeting at the Cathedral in Davenport. They traveled there in a chartered bus from Clinton.

In the fall Mrs. Dudley Kean opened her home in Clinton to St. Faith's Altar Guild. A style show, a benefit for the Centennial Fund the guild was raising for its project of redecorating the church for our one hundredth anniversary, was held under the chairmanship of Mrs. Stanley Mayer.

1954 The Parish began its centennial year with a meager thirteen dollars in the treasury, but wrote "finis" to 1954 with all bills paid. Under the competent direction of Mr. Franklin Ebensberger, the Every Member Canvass was fully subscribed. Two thousand dollars was also contributed to the Church's Program. The National Church engaged in a program to raise four and a half million dollars during 1954 to meet the needs of the National Church throughout the world, most of this money to be used for improvements and new churches. Grace Church raised one thousand dollars in response to this appeal for "The Builders for Christ." All parish organizations reported a good year with substantial balances available as plans develop for renovating the church property.

The enrollment of the Church School was one hundred ten children, the average attendance eighty-four to ninety.

Miss Bessie Sorensen has completed thirty years as secretary of the Church School. During these years she has seen many little tots reach the age to be confirmed, marry, and in turn enroll their family in Grace Church School.

The youth work seemed to move forward during this year, which was very encouraging to the whole Parish, especially as our one hundredth anniversary approached. In a short time the youth will be trained and ready to take their places in active service as the church enters its second century.

1955 The Very Reverend Russell K. Johnson conducted a Quiet Day for the Episcopal women of Clinton in Grace Church. The Woman's Auxiliary sponsored the wonderful spiritual experience. We are reminded of a certain Bishop who was asked to visit a parish and conduct a Quiet Day. In reply he said, "What your parish needs is not a Quiet Day but an earthquake." It is not too much to hope that out of our day of quiet meditation there may come a few spiritual earthquakes.

The Present Vestry



Front row, left to right: John H. Mickelson, A. G. Risch, F. B. Ebensberger, E. H. Horst and Marvin L. Thomas. Second row: Willis H. Schuldt, Donald McCune, Wilmer Mann, Byron R. Pinney, Sam Marquis, Charles Grimshaw and J. W. Bell.

Officers: Mr. A. G. Risch, senior warden; Mr. Marvin L. Thomas, junior warden; Mr. E. H. Horst, treasurer; Mr. Franklin Ebensberger, clerk;

The Reverend Frederic G. Williams, Canon

Father Williams was born in Detroit, Michigan, on July 12, 1892, the son of William Henry and Josephine Roswell Williams. After attending the Detroit Public School and White Hall College, he entered Nashotah House Seminary, Nashotah, Wisconsin, where he graduated June 4, 1919. On the Sunday after Ascension, June 1, 1919, he was ordained to the Priesthood in St. Mary's Chapel, Nashotah.

Father Williams served the following churches during the early years of his ministry: St. Mary's, Jefferson, Wisconsin; Trinity Church, Mineral Point, Wisconsin; St. Alban's Church, St. Louis, Missouri; the Church of the Redeemer, Superior, Wisconsin. He then became Principal of the Lower School and Registrar of Racine College School for Boys during the next two years.

While in Racine, Father Williams married Miss Janet Smith, a graduate nurse in charge of the Infirmary at Racine College School. A child, Mary Janet, was born to them on July 31, 1924, but she died at birth. In September, 1924, the couple adopted an infant, Marjorie Jean, who was little more than a year old, when Father and Mrs. Williams came to Grace Church in the fall of 1925. Interesting, too, is the fact that Marjorie took her first rather uncertain steps to Mrs. S. C. Rand, whose bead bag attracted her attention.

On March 29, 1928, Janet Smith Williams died and is buried in Racine, Wisconsin. September 29, 1932, Father Williams married Miss Ann Julia Matheus in Ottumwa. To them was born Louise Ann on October 31, 1936; she too died at birth. Tragedy came again to the Rectory for on August 24, 1948; Ann Matheus Williams died after a long illness. On January 24, 1951, Father Williams married Miss Dorothy Twitchell in Ames.

Father Williams's daughter Marjorie Jean literally grew up in close contact with Grace Church, was educated in local schools and graduated from the University of Iowa School of Nursing with the Bachelor of Science Degree. On February 1, 1947, Marjorie married Robert L. Mowery of Carlisle, Pennsylvania. They have three children, Ann Elizabeth, Brent Michael, and Kathryn Leslie.

Since coming to the Diocese of Iowa, Father Williams has participated actively in its activities, having served as secretary of the Bishop and Council, as a member of the Standing Committee and of the Trustees of Funds and Donations for the Diocese of Iowa. He also served as president of the Standing Committee.

May, 1953, at the Diocesan Convention held at Trinity Cathedral, Davenport, the Right Reverend Gordon Smith, D. D., at a special Communion service for the delegates, created the Reverend Frederic George Williams an honorary canon of Trinity Cathedral "with all the rights and privileges thereto."

In May, 1955, Father Williams was elected Clerical Deputy to General Convention, which was held at Honolulu, Hawaii, September, 1955.

Statistics for Father Williams's Rectorship to the writing of the *Parish History* indicate:

Baptisms 493 Confirmations 479 Marriages 233 Burials 464

1955 marks the completion of one hundred years of spiritual service to the community. Many times during the century, there were periods of disappointment, of financial difficulty, but the joys and achievements far exceed the more disastrous experiences. With hope and great anticipation, Grace Church can look forward to October 22 and 23, days chosen by the committee for thanksgiving to God for His guidance. So the mantle of the lengthening years rests lightly upon Grace Church as the superb old edifice approaches the century mark, one hundred years of proud tradition of consecrated service, of fellowship to warm the heart and living words to stir the soul. Those long, long years have slipped into oblivion except as now and then we seek to bring them back once more as we relive the activities of the past.

Parish Organizations

An interesting thing is that the good works of the active church member seldom stop with church organizations. He helps the hospitals and social agencies, is concerned with all expressions of mercy and brotherhood.

What does the individual, however, derive from giving time, money, energy and ability to his church? Aside from spiritual blessings, he motivates and dignifies his own life. No spectacle is more depressing than the human being who cannot lose himself in a cause, who never allies himself with others who seek the best for mankind, never strives for a goal beyond personal gratification. We find meaning in our lives by giving whatever we have to offer to the fellowship of others; otherwise we are a frustrated and lonely people.

A Rector of a Parish overheard two remarks made by members of his congregation: (1) "Some men do not attend the membership meetings for fear they will be elected to some parish office;" (2) "I do not join any church activities because I do not want to be roped in." To which he replied: "The stewardship of life is not dependent upon our adherence to some organization. We are bound to serve Christ by virtue of His work of redemption and our own baptism. The compulsions of His cross are binding on all of us, whether we are active in church affairs or not. One does not escape from duty by remaining at home; the obligation toward the Savior is still there. The only difference is that those who refuse to accept their share of work for the Kingdom are poor stewards and unprofitable servants; those who do their share (and more) show that they accept their duty and are willing to discharge it. The responsibilities of both are the same.

"However, one should not speak of duty here at all; work for Christ is done by Christians not under compulsion, unwillingly, but joyously and eagerly. A cross is never carried under protest; whatever is so borne is not a cross. A CROSS is shouldered in the spirit of the Divine Crossbearer; submissively, with a redemptive purpose in mind. All disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ do something to accomplish His redemption will.

"Members who speak of being 'roped in' do not understand that they were 'roped in' - coralled out of the world into God's family, through Baptism and the solemn acceptance of church membership." [*Church Porch*, October 21, 1951.]

In the works of Brother Lawrence – one reads how he was put to work over pots and pans, doing the most menial things and he despised his labors. Some of us, too, may have irksome tasks to perform, things we hate to do. He says: “I decided to think of whatever I do as a special thing I was doing for God, which I loved to do for Him. I washed the pots and pans as for Him, and my work which was irksome at first, became a real joy, and later I would stoop down and pick up a straw out of the sheer joy of doing it because even that I did for Him.”

Occasionally we should ask ourselves, “What have I done for Christ in the past? What ought I to do in the future?”

There is work in the Church which needs your help— the choir, the Guilds, Youth Group Activities, Nursery School supervision, the Men’s Club, and the Church School.

The men and women who are active in this work are deriving innumerable benefits; that is:

1. They feel themselves a part of the Church.
2. Their interest grows in direct proportion to the effort they put into these activities.
3. In working together, they strengthen a strong bond that should exist between churchmen.
4. They feel that in fairness to those who have been carrying the torch and who are active in the church organizations, and continue to pour out their efforts to further the church’s work, there should be cooperation from all.
5. They insist that it is a Christian duty to join hands with those who are continually at work and give both enthusiastic support and cooperation.

St. James teaches that “Faith without Works is dead.” It is, no doubt, your desire to be a good churchman, and to share in the redemptive work of Christ; perhaps you have never seriously considered the value of **ALL** working together for a common cause. Some of you may not have taken your places because you have never been asked directly by members of a group. You do not need to be asked. If you are a churchman, any activity is your responsibility. You need only to appear and offer your talents.

Scheduled Meetings of Parish Organizations

Vestry—Second Monday of the month.

Men’s Club—Third Monday of the month.

St. Faith’s Altar Guild—Second Tuesday of the month.

St. Helen’s Guild—Fourth Tuesday of the month.

Grace Guild—Third Wednesday of the month.

Youth Group—Second and Fourth Sunday evenings of the month.

Choir—Thursday evenings; September to June.

Women's Auxiliary Board

The most recently organized group in Grace Church is the Woman's Auxiliary Board, composed of two members from each of the women's guilds— Grace, St. Faith's, and St. Helen's. Its purpose is to correlate the activities of the Parish and to channel projects to the various working organizations. Meetings will be held bi-annually and upon call in the event of urgent business. Officers are: President—Mrs. E. E. Matthiesen; Vice President—Mrs. Claramae Goltman; Secretary—Mrs. Robert Leedham; Treasurer—Mrs. Homer Logsdon; U. T. O. Treasurer—Mrs. Tex Healless; Christian Education—Mrs. Elsie Tanke Osborne.

Grace Church Guild

To separate the achievements of this group of devoted, consecrated women from the history of Grace Church would be quite impossible. The reader of the preceding account will be quick to note that the two are one and inseparable, for never did these women fail to heed the call for aid and frequently even anticipated a need.

Grace Guild is now 79 years old, having been founded in 1876. Largely through the efforts of the devoted members of this Guild, the Parish House was erected in 1925. Grace Guild engaged in numerous money-raising ventures and for years, in addition to helping with parish expenses, they supported a janitor, paid for fuel, light, and water. They also purchased equipment both for kitchen and dining room in the new Parish House. These earnest, kindly women with their transforming faith have made an enduring contribution to the life of their Church and have earned the gratitude of the Parish.

The present officers of the group are: President—Mrs. Robert Hunter; Vice President—Mrs. George Day; Secretary—Mrs. Earl McCune; Treasurer—Mrs. E. B. Milder.

St. Faith's Altar Guild

In the fall of 1944, Father Williams asked Mrs. Allen Cruce to call together interested church women for the purpose of organizing a Guild whose duties would be to care for the Altar and Vestments and to promote a keener interest in the Sacramental Life of the Church. The following women met in late September and became charter members of the Guild: Mesdames Allen Cruce, Franklin Ebensberger, John Lillard, Richard Ferris, Ralph Marshall, Gerald O'Hern, Russell Nyberg, and F. G. Williams. Mrs. Cruce became the first president, and Mrs. Ebensberger, secretary-treasurer.

The Guild has grown until the Altar Guild is but a small part of an enlarged program, including the sponsorship of St. Helen's Guild, and the Youth Group, work in the Church School, and the Nursery project — the latter recently has been assigned to St. Helen's — and an increased interest in the work of the Woman's Auxiliary at home and abroad.

One of the first activities of the Guild was the assistance of St. Faith's in the organization of Grace Church Men's Club in April, 1945, when the ladies planned and served dinner for the men.

Since that time the group has sponsored many projects: the provision of Altar linens, Eucharistic vestments, burses, veils, markers for the various seasons, a white cope, electric bulletin board and kneelers for the church. They supervise the decoration of the church at Christmas. The organization sends members of the Youth Group to camp at Bishop Morrison Lodge. They share in the Diocesan Assessment and help support Diocesan Institutions. They have provided money for the renovation of the church through sales, bazaars and style shows. They undertook the publication of a cook book, "Our Daily Bread." Seven hundred fifty books were printed and all are now sold. Recently the Guild purchased stainless steel tableware for the Parish House.

The beautiful Oriental rug in the Sanctuary was given in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Church.

Those who have served as Guild presidents are: Mrs. Allen Cruce, Mrs. T. O. Hertzberg, Mrs. Gerald O'Hern, Mrs. Claramae Goltman, Mrs. Byron Pinney, and Miss Mary East. The present officers are: President-Mrs. Elsie Tanke Osborne; Vice President-Mrs. Alvin Nelson; Secretary-Miss Sarah Marquis; Treasurer-Mrs. Claramae Goltman.

St. Helen's Guild

On February 27, 1951, St. Helen's Guild was organized under the sponsorship of St. Faith's Altar Guild, and under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Bell. From twelve young women attending the first meeting, the group has increased quite rapidly to a roster of twenty at the present time.

The purposes of the organization are "to study and promote the work of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Parish, to assist with the Youth Group, and to supervise the Nursery School during regular church services."

Projects attempted during the Guild's existence are numerous and varied. Some follow:

1. The establishment of a savings account to be used for the purchase of a bell for the Church;
2. In the spring each member receives a dollar to be invested during the summer, the original investment plus profit to be given to the Guild in the fall;
3. The sponsorship of a booth at the annual bazaar;
4. A Children's Style Show in cooperation with Darlene's Dress Shop;
5. Assumption of full share of the Diocesan Auxiliary apportionment.

Those who have served as president of the Guild are: Miss Edwina Milder, Mrs. Arnold Griffith, and Mrs. James Conroy.

The present officers are: President-Mrs. Kenneth McMain, Vice President-Mrs. Wallace Britch, Secretary-Mrs. William Schwartz, Treasurer-Mrs. Robert Leedham.

Men's Club

Many of the parish organizations developed during the early years of Grace Church's history; some others have existed for comparatively few years as history is concerned. One of these is the Men's Club which came into being on April 20, 1945, an outgrowth of a resolution passed by the General Convention in 1940. Its primary purpose is to stimulate men's work on the Diocesan and parish levels and to bring men to a personal commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church and to a realization of the "necessity and privilege of sharing this experience with others."

The local organizational meeting with Mr. Byron Pinney, chairman, was attended by 50 men, who enjoyed a dinner served by St. Faith's Altar Guild at the Parish House. Impromptu talks "stressing the importance of reaching the unchurched in the community were given by Messrs. Allen Cruce, Emory J. Cole, Edward H. Horst, H. A. Sino, and the Rector.

Before the evening activities were concluded, the following officers were elected: President—Mr. Allen Cruce; Vice President—Mr. Albert G. Risch; Secretary—Treasurer—Mr. Franklin Ebensberger. Dinner meetings were to be held on the third Monday of each month; the program was to be both educational and inspirational.

Worthy of note is the fact that Grace Church Men's Club came into being at least three days before the organization of the Episcopal Men of Iowa, its Diocesan counterpart. Mr. Byron Pinney, a lay delegate to the General Convention, became the first president, thus proving his enthusiasm for the organization on both the parochial and diocesan levels.

Since its organization the Men's Club has made a very notable contribution to activities sponsored by the Church. Two worthy projects are the sending of boys to Bishop Morrison Lodge for a summer camp, and the sponsoring of the annual Mothers' Day Breakfasts.

Present officers of the group are: President—Mr. Robert Leedham; Vice President—Mr. Paul Proud; Secretary—Mr. LeRoy Cheatum; Treasurer—Mr. Arnold Wilkinson; Program Chairman—Mr. Charles Grimshaw.

Youth Group

In 1949, the members of St. Faith's Altar Guild, assumed a broader vision of what they could do for the Church by extending their activities. As their first venture, they took an interest in the Church School, the Nursery School, and the Youth Group. As a result of this advanced program, late in 1949, Grace Church young people were brought together at the Parish House with Mrs. Don McCune as Counsellor. At the meeting Miss Arden Cummings was elected president, and steps were taken to present a short play, "Youth Adds a Dash of Pepper," before summer. Under the leadership of Mrs. Carl J. Jessen, a small orchestra was assembled. This project sponsored by the youth proved to be both interesting and successful.

Somewhat later, the group assumed the responsibility of the Nursery School, and for two years took care of the children left at the Parish House during church hour. Soon this duty became part of St. Helen's program so that the youth could sing in the choir and serve at the altar.

To help maintain interest, St. Faith's provided entertainment, suppers, and Corporate Communion breakfasts. On September 30, 1951, the Very Reverend Russell K. Johnson, dean of Trinity Cathedral, Davenport, addressed the youth, their parents, and guests from other church organizations at a dinner meeting. The dean's address was simple, direct, and in the nature of a challenge to the young people to chart their lives according to the teachings of the church. Money for this project was raised by the group through the collection and sale of coat hangers.

Starting in 1953, the Youth Group has met periodically for Corporate Communion, followed by breakfast and a business meeting. The group now has approximately forty members, a large proportion of whom attend scheduled meetings.

To show her interest in this group, Mrs. Morse Watkins contributed a beautiful Victrola for the use of the youth in the parish at their meetings.

Presidents of this organization have been Arden Cummings, Daniel White, Margo Pinney, Beth Hancock, Robert Day, and Tom Tucker. Currently Edward Leutke, Jr., is presiding officer.

Counsellors and advisors of the group have been: Mrs. F. G. Williams, Mrs. Byron Pinney, Mrs. Elsie Tanke Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Fedderson, Miss Mary East, Miss Sarah Marquis, Mrs. Philip Haines, the Misses Disbrow, Mrs. Karl Goettsch, Mrs. Eugene Petty, Mrs. Gerald O'Hern, Miss Beverly Kaiser, Mrs. Robert Ebensberger, Mrs. Alvin Nelson, Mrs. Paul Proud, Mrs. H. L. Leedham, Mrs. Claramae Goltman, Mrs. Philo Tucker, Mrs. John Mickelson, and Mrs. Don McCune.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Don McCune, the Youth Group and the two departments of the Church School gave a pageant to commemorate the Centennial of Grace Church at the Parish House on Sunday, October 9.



THE YOUTH GROUP

First row—Gerald Tucker, Edward Leutke, Jr., William Day, Robert Day, Mary Kay Goettsch, Antoinette Wellman, Judith Wonders.
 Second row—Jack Andresen, James Mann, Thomas Tucker, Charles Aplin, Annette McCann, Nancy Ebensberger, Shirley Day, Dorothy McCann.
 Back row—Donald McCune, Jr., Jon Goettsch, Richard Shaw, Richard Hunter, Lorna Jean Bos, Carolyn Nelson, Vicki Ketelsen, Gayle O'Hern.



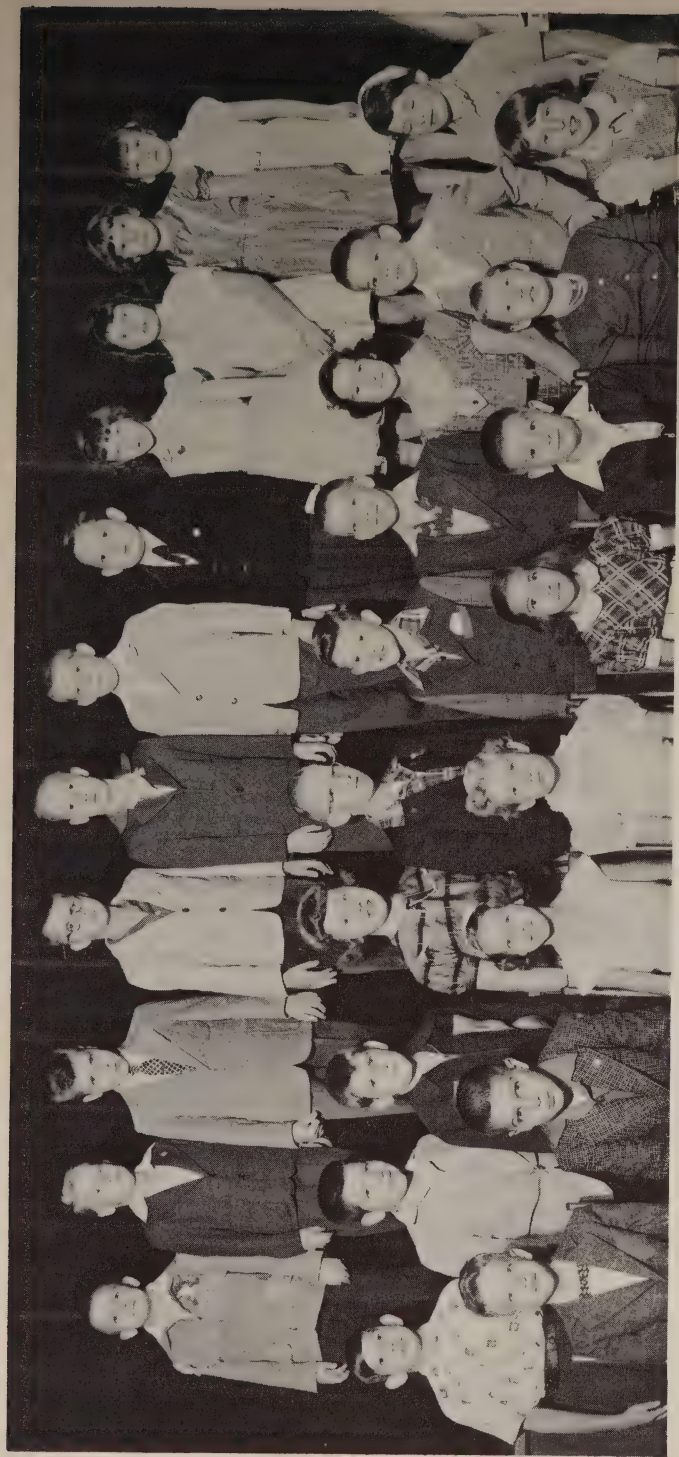
PRIMARY DEPARTMENT CHURCH SCHOOL

First row—Sandy Kammerer, Darrell Zastrow, Jean Meyers, Judy Zastrow, John Thomas, Janine Kay Heath, Paula Griffith, Steven Kammerer, Vicki Griffith, Larry Jordan, Mary Anderson.

Second row—Ruth Anne Anderson, Keith Kammerer, Denise McCann, Pierre Leonard, Nancy Jordan, Dickie Rockrohr, Jane Thomas, Rebecca Meyers, Tommy Lewison, Kathy Heales, Susan Griffith, Karen Griffith, Patty Conroy, Diane Jessen.

Third row—Hews McCann, Pat Hensel, Gary Rockrohr, Mark Walker, Claudia Biggers, Kaven Reader, Alan Zastrow, Norma Lampe, Ricky Johnson.

Fourth row—Tommy Wellman, Pat Dunk, Linda Dunk, Sue Hensel, LeRoy Hensel, Jr., Darrell Lampe, Nancy Mann, Jeffery Vulich, Terry Stevenson, Pamela Stevenson.



JUNIOR DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH SCHOOL

First row—Walter Bell, Jr., Gregory Snell, Judy Hensel, Carol Johnson, Helen Lampe, Bobby Weinbeck, Susan Kirst, Susan Stevenson.

Second row—Tommy Conroy, Arthur Grimshaw, James Anderson, Betsy Braunlin, John Goettsch, Larry Taylor, Steven Mayer, Barbara Conroy, John Pinney, Margaret Shaw.

Third row—Kenneth McCune, Billy Hensel, Jimmy Lewison, Wallace Britch, Jr., Billy Goettsch, Gary Petersen, David Thomas, Nancy Lampe, Julie Wodehouse, Sherrill Jessen, Linda Jordan.

The Church School

The present staff consists of: Secretary of the Church School, Miss Bessie Sorensen; the Junior Department is in charge of the Rector; Organist, Mrs. John Mickelson; the Primary Department, Mrs. Robert Lampe, Mrs. Arnold Griffith, and Mrs. William Schwartz serve as teachers. Mrs. Wilbur Reader is the secretary. All of the Primary staff are members of St. Helen's Guild.

As the history committee draws conclusions and reviews data we have collected, we pause a moment. We intended to summarize much of the material, but it seemed so pertinent that much is given in detail. We hope you will find the book interesting and valuable enough to keep, and that you will treasure the little volume and take pride in the story of Grace Church. We may have omitted some things we should have told or have told some unimportant things, but we did it as a work of love to the very best of our ability.

The Centennial Committees

The Centennial Committees are as follows:

General Committee—Stanley Mayer, Chairman; W. Buell Gode, Treasurer; Mrs. Gerald Zastrow, Secretary; Mrs. James Conroy, Mrs. A. J. Cummings, Franklin Ebensberger, Mrs. Robert Hunter, Robert Leedham, Mrs. E. B. Milder, Mrs. Elsie Osborne, A. G. Risch and Marvin Thomas.

Invitation and Tickets Committee—Paul Proud, Chairman, J. W. Bell, Murlin Jordan, Miss Bessie Sorensen, Mrs. Wilmer Mann and Mrs. Gerald O'Hern.

Entertainment—George Day, Chairman, Robert Ebensberger, Mrs. Carl Fovargue, Mrs. Edward Goettsch, Mrs. Arnold Griffith, Leonard Ketelsen, Mrs. H. H. Logsdon, Levert Sinksen.

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NARRATOR—Mrs. A. Hews McCann and *ORGANIST*—Mrs. L. F. Braunlin.

Banquet—Marcus Osborn, Chairman, Mrs. A. F. Dierksen, Mrs. August Heldt, Miss Henrietta Horst, Sam Marquis, Dr. A. K. Meyer, H. A. Sino and Mrs. William Wascher.

Music—Mrs. Alvin Nelson, Chairman, Miss Mary East, Miss Merle Gibbs, Don Leslie and George Steele.

Program Committee—Charles Grimshaw, Chairman, Mrs. Claramae Goltman, Robert Hunter, Mrs. Marvin Martzahn, Willis Schuldt, Mrs. Morse Watkins.

Property—Earl McCune, Chairman, Mrs. Franklin Ebensberger, Mrs. Claramae Goltman, E. H. Horst, John Mickelson, A. G. Risch, Mrs. LeRoy Rockrohr.

History—Mr. and Mrs. Byron Pinnèy, Chairmen, Miss Grace Disbrow, Miss Mary East, Mrs. Stanley Mayer.

Reception and Open House—Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Horst, Chairmen, Mrs. H. L. Leedham, Mrs. F. C. Brayton, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Rand, Mrs. George Day, Mrs. W. B. Disbrow, Miss Mary Disbrow, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kreim, Mr. Gordon Heupel, Canon and Mrs. F. G. Williams.

Open House, in Charge of Arrangements—Mrs. Marvin Martzahn, Chairman, Mrs. Henry Winter, Mrs. Robert Ebensberger, Mrs. Hans Weinbeck, Mrs. Herbert Borman, Miss Thelma Baker, Mrs. William Schwartz.

Centennial Program

- October 9, 1955, 7:30 p. m. Historical Pageant, Grace Church Parish House.
- October 11, 1955, 8:00 p. m. St. Faith's Guild presents Mrs. C. S. Boyles, of St. Paul, Minnesota, nationally known speaker. (For all church women of Clinton.) An afternoon talk at 2:30 p. m. will also be given by Mrs. Boyles.
- October 22, 1955, 6:30 Banquet, Oak Room of the Lafayette Hotel.
Speaker: Mr. Horace Van Metre of Waterloo, Iowa, prominent attorney.
- October 23, 1955, Centennial services, Communion service at 7:30, followed by . festival service and sermon at 10:15.
- October 23, 1955, Reception for visiting clergymen, guests and all parishioners from 2 to 5 o'clock p. m. at Parish House.

Memorials and Gifts to Grace Episcopal Church

1871	Font	Grace Church Sunday School
1876	Memorial Window	W. H. Cook
1878	Memorial Window	Grace Church Sunday School
1890	Litany Desk	Charles Henry Lothrop, M. D., Annie, Kate, Naille and Marion Harland
1894	Gold Communion Service	Conf. Offering, Leonard Robbins Welles and Margaret Welles
1895	Altar	Robert Norton Rand
1895	Processional Cross	Mrs. C. F. Welles
1895	Memorial Window	Lola Ashton
1896	Memorial Window	Lucy Walden
1896	Credence Table	Wm. C. Clifton
1896	Lectern (Brass)	Eunice Bright Lake
1898	Pulpit	Mrs. Silas Gardiner
1898	Large Alms Basin	Josephine Loomis Whitney
1898	Silver Bread Box	Josephine Loomis Whitney
1899	Memorial Window	Harry Neesley
1899	Pipe Organ	William T. Joyce
1899	Prayer Book (Altar)	Mrs. William Holmes
1899	Prayer Book (Rector's Desk)	The Rev. Hiram Beers
1900	Altar Hangings (Superfrontals)	John Sino
1902	Memorial Window	William Carl Grohe
1908	Small Offering Plates	John Tolson
1911	Memorial Window	Henriette E. Henningsen
1911	Lectern Bible	D. W. Case
1911	Altar Book	Margaret Willia Leedham
1912	Altar Book	Garet Leedham
1912	\$5000.00 Bequest	Henriette E. Henningsen
1912	\$1000.00 Bequest to W. A.	Henriette E. Henningsen
1913	\$3000.00 Bequest	Bertha Griswold
1917	\$5000.00 Bequest	Electa Marian Rand
1917	Superfrontal	Lillian Bagley
1917	Altar Book	Donald Westbrook Leedham
1920	Altar Pedestal	George White

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1921	\$300.00 Bequest to W. A.	Hannah Jackson
1922	Altar Cross	Hannah Jane Rand
1922	Silver Communion Service	Agnes Sino (Mrs. John)
1923	Choir Memorial Tablet	Choir boys, choir mothers Directors and Rectors
1926	Crystal Cruets	George Wulf
1926	Memorial Window	Louise Henningsen Pollock
1926	Memorial Window	Etta Austin Duncan
1928	Prayer Book (Altar)	Henry Gode
1928	Prayer Book (Rector's Desk)	Henry Gode
1928	Poor Box	Wilbur Doe
1929	Altar Book	Frank Willis Leedham
1930	Altar Book	Mary Westbrook Leffingwell
1930	Altar Book	Harry Leffingwell Leedham
1933	Altar Pedestal	Mrs. Will White
1937	Prayer Book (Altar)	Ida R. Buell
1937	Prayer Book (Rector's Desk)	Ida R. Buell

Two Memorial Prayer Books became obsolete in 1929 when the new Prayer Book was published. Since there were none to renew the Memorials, the Memorials from the Gades were accepted.

1938	Sanctuary Lamp	Sheridan Elliott
1939	Seven Branch Candlesticks	A. C. Sino and Alice Sino
1939	Repairs to Vestibule	
	Entrance Doors Replaced	Anonymous
1941	Ciborium	Frank and Mabel Morey
1942	Tabernacle	Ida Ziegler

This Memorial was designed, manufactured and installed by our own Grace Church men, and is an outstanding piece of fine workmanship. Marcus Osborn, design, Casting, Earl F. Mayer; Installation, Earl McCune; Mechanical precision, Edward H. Horst and Carl Matje.

1942	\$317.90 Bequest	H. S. Johnstone (Used for repairs to church)
1945	Prayer Book (Altar)	Sadie Gode
	Prayer Book (Rector's Desk)	Sadie Gode
1946	Automatic Heating Plant	Mrs. Frank Wisner
1948	Brass Vases (4)	Ann Julia Williams
	Pall (felt)	Ann Julia Williams
1948	Litany Book	Blanche Leedham Satow
1949	Organ Repair	Mrs. Dudley Kean
1953	Silver Communion Tray	Chris Kyarsgaard
1954	Prayer Book (Altar)	William Gode
1954	Great Candlesticks	Albert E. Thuresson
	East Window	Gift of the Congregation
	Bishop's Chair	Rt. Rev. Wm. Stevens Perry
	Priest's Chair	Rev. Wm. T. Currie
1955	Parquet Floor in Sanctuary	Else M. Sino

NOTE: Funds listed as bequests were left to the Trustees of Funds and Donations for the Diocese of Iowa - the income only to be used in the Parish for purposes designated.

GRACE CHURCH DIRECTORY

SERVICES

- Holy Communion..... 7:30 a. m.
- Church School..... 9:15 a. m.
- Morning Prayer..... 10:15 a. m.
- First Sunday of the month and Holy Days
- Holy Communion..... 10:15 a. m.
- Summer Schedule - July and August
- Holy Communion..... 8:30 a. m.

NOTE: A Nursery School is provided at the Parish House where mothers may leave their children in competent care during the late service.

GRACE CHURCH VESTRY

Meets second Monday of every month at 7:30 p. m.

OFFICERS

- The Reverend Frederic G. Williams, Canon
Rector
2100 North Second Street
- Mr. Albert G. Risch, Senior Warden
 - Mr. Marvin Thomas, Junior Warden
 - Mr. Edward H. Horst, Treasurer
 - Mr. Franklin Ebensberger, Clerk
 - Mr. Byron R. Pinney
 - Mr. John H. Mickelson
 - Mr. Willis Schuldt
 - Mr. Wilmer Mann
 - Mr. J. Walter Bell
 - Mr. Charles Grinshaw
 - Mr. Sam Marquis
 - Mr. Don McCune
 - Mr. S. C. Rand, honorary member.
- 258 22nd Ave. N.
 - Camanche, Iowa
 - 243 25th Ave. N.
 - Cragmore
 - 1400 Caroline Ave.
 - 242 34th Ave. N.
 - 1610 N. 2nd St.
 - 2011 Pershing Blvd.
 - Oakhurst Apts.
 - 605 9th Ave., Fulton
 - 2224 Garfield St.
 - 340 7th Ave. N.

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- ACKERMAN, Ida (Mrs. B. C.) 1829 N. 2nd St.
 - ALLEN, Charles 202 1/2 S. 2nd St.
 - ANDERSON, John (Tim) 1810 N. 5th St.
 - ANDERSON, Herbert 112 1/2 25th Ave. N.
 - ANDERSON, Mrs. Helen 112 1/2 25th Ave. N.
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 - ASHTON, Miss Sara 2614 N. 3rd St.
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 - BELL, Maxine (Mrs. J. Walter) Oakhurst Apts.
 - BELL, Robert C. 417 5th Ave. S.
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 - BENTRUP, Frank 229 6th Ave. N.
 - BENTRUP, Mae (Mrs. Frank) 229 6th Ave. N.
 - BORMAN, Elsie (Mrs. Herbert) 2373 N. 9th St.
 - BOS, Lorene (Mrs. Rensie) 1307 N. 4th St.
 - BOS, Lorna Jean (Miss) 1307 N. 4th St.
 - BOSSEN, Rose (Mrs.) 1307 N. 4th St.
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 - BRACKEMEYER, Dorothy (Mrs. Robert J.) 2210 N. 7th St.
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SH	BRITCH, Marion (Mrs. Wallace) BROUGHTON, Gladys (Mrs.)	112 27th Ave. N. 2418 Pershing Blvd.	MC	FRENCH, John FRENCH, Jennie (Mrs. John) FRENCH, Richard FRIIS, Russell FRIIS, Phyllis (Mrs. Russell)	2221 N. 5th St. 2221 N. 5th St. 2221 N. 5th St. 304 23rd Ave. N. 304 23rd Ave. N.
MC	CHEATUM, LeRoy COLLINS, Mary (Mrs. W. F.)	1411 Pershing Blvd. 538 7th Ave. S.	GG	GABRIEL, Sophia (Mrs. Chas.) GALBRAITH, Sylvia (Mrs.)	1622 N. 4th St. 2418 N. 11th St.
MC	CONROY, James CONROY, Phyllis (Mrs. James)	414 Buell Ave. 414 Buell Ave.	SF	GIBBS, Merle I. (Miss) GILBERT, Lulu (Mrs. W. R.) GODE, Buell GODE, Helen (Mrs. Buell) GODE, William GODE, Kay	431 6th Ave. S. 307 23rd Ave. N. 513 15th Ave. N. 513 15th Ave. N. 513 15th Ave. N. 513 15th Ave. N.
SH	CONROY, Barbara (Miss) CUMMINGS, A. J. CUMMINGS, Maurine (Mrs. A. J.) CUMMINGS, Michael CLARK, Margaret (Mrs. E. H.)	414 Buell Ave. 334 6th Ave. S. 334 6th Ave. S. 334 6th Ave. S. 1023 N. 2nd St.	GG	GABRIEL, Sophia (Mrs. Chas.) GALBRAITH, Sylvia (Mrs.) GIBBS, Merle I. (Miss) GILBERT, Lulu (Mrs. W. R.) GODE, Buell GODE, Helen (Mrs. Buell) GODE, William GODE, Kay	1622 N. 4th St. 2418 N. 11th St. 431 6th Ave. S. 307 23rd Ave. N. 513 15th Ave. N. 513 15th Ave. N. 513 15th Ave. N. 513 15th Ave. N.
MC	DAY, George H. DAY, Lenore (Mrs. George H.) DAY, Billy DAY, Robert E.	1809 Camanche Ave. 1809 Camanche Ave. 1809 Camanche Ave. 63 Mt. Pleasant Pk.	GG	GOETTSCH, Edward GOETTSCH, Phyllis (Mrs. Edward) GOETTSCH, Karl F. GOETTSCH, Florence (Mrs. Karl) GOETTSCH, Jon GOETTSCH, Mary Kay GOETTSCH, Eugene GOLTMAN, Claramae (Mrs.) GOLTMAN, William GRIFFITH, Cora (Mrs. Frank) GRIFFITH, Arnold R. GRIFFITH, Stephann (Mrs. Arnold R.) GRIFFITH, Edward GRIFFITH, Lois (Mrs. Edward) GRIMSHAW, Charles GRIMSHAW, Helen (Mrs. Chas.) GUNDELINGER, Marion L. GUNDELINGER, Florence (Mrs. Marion L.)	1614 Pershing Blvd. 1614 Pershing Blvd. 3128 Garfield St. 3128 Garfield St. 3128 Garfield St. 3128 Garfield St. 3128 Garfield St. 3128 Garfield St. 2722 N. 2nd St. 2722 N. 2nd St. 2722 N. 2nd St. 2722 N. 2nd St. 2317 Garfield St. 2317 Garfield St. 2351 1/2 N. 6th St. 2351 1/2 N. 6th St. 605 9th Ave., Fulton 605 9th Ave., Fulton 1031 Roosevelt St. 1031 Roosevelt St.
SH	DEKKER, Mary Ellen (Mrs. H. L.) DIERKSEN, A. F. DIERKSEN, Amanda (Mrs. A. F.) DISBROW, Ethel (Mrs. W. B.) DISBROW, Grace (Miss) DISBROW, Mary (Miss) DISBROW, Wm. Kenneth DUNK, Leon E. DUNK, Joyce (Mrs. Leon E.) DURGIN, James K.	63 Mt. Pleasant Pk. 231 3rd Ave. S. 231 6th Ave. N. 231 6th Ave. N. 2113 N. 2nd St. 2113 N. 2nd St. 2113 N. 2nd St. 2511 N. 4th St. 505 22nd Ave. N. 505 22nd Ave. N. 2425 Grant St.	GG	GOETTSCH, Edward GOETTSCH, Phyllis (Mrs. Edward) GOETTSCH, Karl F. GOETTSCH, Florence (Mrs. Karl) GOETTSCH, Jon GOETTSCH, Mary Kay GOETTSCH, Eugene GOLTMAN, Claramae (Mrs.) GOLTMAN, William GRIFFITH, Cora (Mrs. Frank) GRIFFITH, Arnold R. GRIFFITH, Stephann (Mrs. Arnold R.) GRIFFITH, Edward GRIFFITH, Lois (Mrs. Edward) GRIMSHAW, Charles GRIMSHAW, Helen (Mrs. Chas.) GUNDELINGER, Marion L. GUNDELINGER, Florence (Mrs. Marion L.)	1614 Pershing Blvd. 1614 Pershing Blvd. 3128 Garfield St. 3128 Garfield St. 3128 Garfield St. 3128 Garfield St. 3128 Garfield St. 2722 N. 2nd St. 2722 N. 2nd St. 2722 N. 2nd St. 2722 N. 2nd St. 2317 Garfield St. 2317 Garfield St. 2351 1/2 N. 6th St. 2351 1/2 N. 6th St. 605 9th Ave., Fulton 605 9th Ave., Fulton 1031 Roosevelt St. 1031 Roosevelt St.
SF	EAST, Mary T. (Miss) EATON, Dexter EBENSBERGER, Robert J. EBENSBERGER, Darlene (Mrs. Robert J.) EBENSBERGER, Nancy (Miss) EBENSBERGER, Franklin B. EBENSBERGER, Opal (Mrs. Franklin B.) EBENSBERGER, L. C.	551 10th Ave. S. 271 20th Ave. N. 2815 Pershing Blvd. 2815 Pershing Blvd. 2815 Pershing Blvd. Cragmore 84 21st Ave. N.	MC	HAGGE, H. P. HAGGE, Minnie (Mrs. H. P.) HALL, Mrs. Robert E. HALL, Bruce W. HALL, Rose (Mrs. Bruce W.) HANCOCK, Beth (Miss) HANCOCK, C. Y. HANSEN, Carl C. HANSEN, Noami (Mrs. Carl C.) HAWK, LeRoy	2631 N. 2nd St. 2631 N. 2nd St. Low Moor, Iowa Phoenix, Arizona Phoenix, Arizona 1401 Caroline Ave. 1401 Caroline Ave. 419 6th Ave. N. 419 6th Ave. N. 76 Main Ave.
GG	FEDDERSEN, Mary (Mrs. A. L.) FLACK, Carrie (Mrs. Clifton) FOLSOM, Doratheia (Mrs. Chris) FOVARGUE, Carl E. FOVARGUE, Janet (Mrs. Carl E.)	2314 1/2 N. 2nd St. Camanche, Iowa 2614 N. 3rd St. Camanche, Iowa Camanche, Iowa	GG	HAGGE, H. P. HAGGE, Minnie (Mrs. H. P.) HALL, Mrs. Robert E. HALL, Bruce W. HALL, Rose (Mrs. Bruce W.) HANCOCK, Beth (Miss) HANCOCK, C. Y. HANSEN, Carl C. HANSEN, Noami (Mrs. Carl C.) HAWK, LeRoy	2631 N. 2nd St. 2631 N. 2nd St. Low Moor, Iowa Phoenix, Arizona Phoenix, Arizona 1401 Caroline Ave. 1401 Caroline Ave. 419 6th Ave. N. 419 6th Ave. N. 76 Main Ave.

SH	HAWK, Vivian (Miss)	76 Main Ave.	YG	KETELSEN, Keith	2607 N. 2nd St.
SF	HEALLESS, Miriam (Mrs. Tex)	946 S. 10th St.		KOFAHL, Leslie, Sr.	2508 N. 2nd St.
GG	HEATH, Mary Jane (Mrs.)	437 5th Ave. S.	YG	KOFAHL, Grace (Mrs. Leslie, Sr.)	2508 N. 2nd St.
	HELDT, Anna (Mrs. August)	215 27th Ave. N.	YG	KOFAHL, Karen	2508 N. 2nd St.
	HENSEL, LeRoy	R. 2, East Fulton	MC	KOFAHL, Leslie, Jr.	2508 N. 2nd St.
SF	HENSEL, Dora (Mrs. LeRoy)	R. 2, East Fulton	GG	KREIM, Henry C.	501 15th Ave. N.
GG	HERON, Helen (Miss)	265 13th Ave. N.		KREIM, Mildred (Mrs. Henry C.)	501 15th Ave. N.
	HILL, Mary L. (Mrs. George)	R. 1, Fulton		KYARSGAARD, Winifred (Mrs. Chris)	Miles, Iowa
	HOLM, Chas.	72 1/2 Main Ave.			
MC	HORST, Edward H.	243 25th Ave. N.		LAMPE, Fred	1515 Pershing Blvd.
GG	HORST, Clara (Mrs. Edward H.)	243 25th Ave. N.		LAMPE, Pearl (Mrs. Fred)	1515 Pershing Blvd.
	HORST, Ernest	3030 Roosevelt St.		LAMPE, Frederick, Jr.	1515 Pershing Blvd.
SF	HORST, Henrietta (Miss)	3102 N. 2nd St.		LAMPE, Paul	2114 N. 6th St.
GG	HUNTER, Robert	2015 N. 2nd St.		LAMPE, Jennie (Mrs. Paul)	2114 N. 6th St.
GG	HUNTER, Aroline (Mrs. Robert)	2015 N. 2nd St.	MC	LAMPE, Ronald	2114 N. 6th St.
YG	HUNTER, Richard	2015 N. 2nd St.	SH	LAMPE, Robert	410 N. 3rd St.
	HURLBURT, Lola (Mrs.)	2427 Cleveland St.	GG	LAMPE, Loyce (Mrs. Robert)	410 N. 3rd St.
				LANAGHAN, Leona (Mrs. John)	1423 Pershing Blvd.
	JACOBSEN, J. L.	2208 McKinley St.	YG	LEE, Phyllis (Mrs. Claude)	1712 13th Ave. S.
	JACOBSEN, Evelyn (Mrs. J. L.)	2208 McKinley St.	SF	LEEDHAM, Marion (Mrs. H. L.)	1712 13th Ave. S.
YG	JACOBSEN, Robert	2208 McKinley St.	MC	LEEDHAM, Robert	1121 7th Ave. S.
GG	JAENICKE, Dr. Kurt	2216 Garfield St.	SH	LEEDHAM, Jacqueline (Mrs. Robert)	542 5th Ave. S.
	JOEHNK, Louise (Mrs. H. C.)	430 7th Ave. S.	MC	LESLIE, D. E.	542 5th Ave. S.
	JENSEN, Margaret (Mrs. W. F.)	R.F.D. #3	YG	LEUTKE, Edward J.	440 7th Ave. S.
SF	JENSEN, Carl J.	742 7th Ave. S.		LEWISON, M. R.	532 4th Ave. N.
MC	JESSEN, Maxine (Mrs. Carl J.)	742 7th Ave. S.		LEWISON, Alice (Mrs. M. R.)	1118 S. 6th St.
	JORDAN, Murlin W.	201 Myra Place		LOGSDON, Homer H.	1118 S. 6th St.
	JORDAN, Collette (Mrs. Murlin W.)	201 Myra Place	GG	LOGSDON, Frances (Mrs. Homer H.)	1515 N. 4th St.
	JORDAN, Woodrow	1519 N. 3rd St.	MC	LUCKRITZ, John V.	1515 N. 4th St.
	JORDAN, Emmett D.	62 21st Ave. N.	SH	LUCKRITZ, Lila Mae (Mrs. John V.)	1723 Pershing Blvd.
YG	JORDAN, Emma (Mrs. Emmett D.)	62 21st Ave. N.			1723 Pershing Blvd.
	JORDAN, Terry	62 21st Ave. N.	YG	McCANN, Annette	109 21 st Ave. N.
	JOHNSON, Lowell L.	2321 Garfield St.	YG	McCANN, Cecile (Miss)	109 21 st Ave. N.
SH	JOHNSON, Phyllis (Mrs. Lowell L.)	2321 Garfield St.	YG	McCANN, Dorothy	109 21st Ave. N.
			MC	McCUNE, Donald	340 7th Ave. N.
MC	KAMMERER, Harold	1438 13th Ave. S.	SF	McCUNE, Althea (Mrs. Donald)	340 7th Ave. N.
MC	KAMMERER, Marjorie (Mrs. Harold)	1438 13th Ave. S.		McCUNE, Donald Jr.	340 7th Ave. N.
	KETELSEN, Leonard	2607 N. 2nd St.	MC	McCUNE, Earl	315 Main Ave.
	KETELSEN, Lucille (Mrs. Leonard)	2607 N. 2nd St.	GG	McCUNE, Marie (Mrs. Earl)	315 Main Ave.
YG	KETELSEN, Vicki	2607 N. 2nd St.		McCUNE, John	315 Main Ave.
	KETELSEN, Kent	2607 N. 2nd St.		McMAIN, W. K.	1625 1/2 N. 2nd St.

SH	McMAIN, Georgiana (Mrs. W. K.)	1625½ N. 2nd St.	YG	O'HERN, Dean	331 19th Place
MC	MANN, Wilmer	2011 Pershing Blvd.	YG	O'HERN, Gayle	331 19th Place
SF	MANN, Wilma (Mrs. Wilmer)	2011 Pershing Blvd.			
	MANN, James W.	2224 Garfield St.	SF	PETTY, Cora (Mrs. Eugene)	Camanche, Iowa
MC	MARQUIS, Sam	2224 Garfield St.		PETTY, Eugene, Jr.	Camanche, Iowa
SF	MARQUIS, Sara (Miss)	121½ 25th Ave. N.	YG	PETTY, Larry	Camanche, Iowa
MC	MARTZAHN, Marvin	121½ 25th Ave. N.	GG	PETTERSEN, Nellie (Mrs.)	200 S. Bluff Blvd.
SF	MARTZAHN, Helene (Mrs. Marvin)	2024 Pershing Blvd.	MC	PINNEY, Byron R.	1400 Caroline Ave.
GG	MATTHIASEN, Dorothea (Mrs. E. E.)	308 23rd Ave. N.	SF	PINNEY, Margaret (Mrs. Byron R.)	1400 Caroline Ave.
	MATTHESE, Carl	308 23rd Ave. N.		PROUD, Paul C.	1400 Caroline Ave.
	MATJE, Gertrude (Mrs. Carl)	308 23rd Ave. N.	MC	POOLE, Minnie (Mrs. E. H.)	731 1st Ave.
	MATJE, Thomas	308 23rd Ave. N.	SF		220 19th Place
	MATJE, William J.	2912 Cleveland St.			
MC	MATJE, Albert	1500 N. 3rd St.			
	MAYER, Cora (Mrs. Earl F.)	2208 Roosevelt St.			
	MAYER, Stanley	2208 Roosevelt St.	GG	RAND, S. Curtiss	2219 Garfield St.
SF	MAYER, Hazel (Mrs. Stanley)	316 28th Ave. N.	SH	RAND, Edith (Mrs. S. Curtiss)	2219 Garfield St.
	MEYER, Marvel (Mrs. Walter)	1725 Harrison Drive		READER, Vada (Mrs. Wilbur)	Thomsen, Illinois
	MEYER, Dr. A. K.	242 34th Ave. N.		REUSCHE, Charles	556½ 9th Ave. S.
	MEYER, Nera (Mrs. A. K.)	242 34th Ave. N.		REUSCHE, Hannah (Mrs. Adolph)	2910 Pershing Blvd
MC	MICKELSON, John H.	242 34th Ave. N.	MC	REUSCHE, Kenneth	3108 Cleveland St.
SF	MICKELSON, Georgia (Mrs. John H.)	2533 Pershing Blvd.	GG, SF	RISCH, Albert G.	258 22nd Ave. N.
MC	MILDER, Edward	2533 Pershing Blvd.		RISCH, Annabel (Mrs. A. G.)	258 22nd Ave. N.
GG	MILDER, Alberta (Mrs. Edward)			ROBERTS, Philip	1955 Overlook Ct.
				ROBERTS, Marjoleen (Mrs. Philip)	269 31st Ave. N.
	NADELHOFFER, Gilbert	2427 Cleveland St.		ROCKROHR, LeRoy B.	269 31st Ave. N.
	NADELHOFFER, Helen R. (Mrs. Gilbert)	2427 Cleveland St.	SH	ROCKROHR, Marie (Mrs. LeRoy B.)	2930 Pershing Blvd.
	NAEVE, Orrin Chris	Rt. 1, Andover, Iowa		ROCKROHR, LeRoy E.	2930 Pershing Blvd.
	NAEVE, Ella (Mrs. O. C.)	Rt. 1, Andover, Iowa		ROCKROHR, Bertha (Mrs. LeRoy E.)	
	NAEVE, Orrin, Jr.	Rt. 1, Andover, Iowa			
	NAEVE, Richard	Rt. 1, Andover, Iowa			
SF	NELSON, Betty (Mrs. Alvin)	631 9th Ave. S.		SALZER, Ethel (Mrs. Robert)	603 4th Ave. S.
YG	NELSON, Carolyn (Miss)	631 9th Ave. S.	SF	SCHMITZ, Laura (Mrs.)	551 10th Ave. S.
SF	NIELSEN, Alice (Mrs. Ejnar)	1707 N. 2nd St.	GG	SCHNEIDER, Ferol (Mrs. Frank)	2216 N. 2nd St.
			MC	SCHULDT, Willis H.	1610 N. 2nd St.
			SF	SCHULDT, Vivian (Mrs. Willis H.)	1610 N. 2nd St.
SF	O'CONNELL, Laura (Mrs. J. F.)	633½ 4th Ave. S.	SH	SHAWARTZ, Fern (Mrs. W. C.)	719 10th Ave. S.
SF	OGDEN, Mahala (Mrs.)	960 N. 4th St.		SHAW, Hazle (Mrs.)	320 30th Ave. N.
MC	OSBORN, Marcus	1402 N. 3rd St.	YG	SHAW, Mary Elizabeth	320 30th Ave. N.
GG	OSBORN, Dorothy (Mrs. Marcus)	1402 N. 3rd St.	YG	SHAW, Richard	320 30th Ave. N.
SF	OSBORNE, Elsie Tanke (Mrs.)	437 5th Ave. S.	YG	SHAW, Gary	320 30th Ave. N.
	O'HERN, Gerald	331 19th Place		SHAW, Paul	1202 14th Ave. S.
SF	O'HERN, Joan (Mrs. Gerald)	331 19th Place	SH	SHAW, Jacqueline (Mrs. Paul)	1202 14th Ave. S.

MC	SHAW, Harrison	309 16th Ave. S.	WALKER, Wm.	2350 N. 5th St.
MC	SINKSEN, Levert	221 19th Place	GG WASCHER, Mable (Mrs. Will)	2411 Pershing Blvd.
	SINO, H. A.	1722 Pershing Blvd.	SF WATKINS, Marian (Mrs. Morse)	728 S. Bluff Blvd.
	SMITH, Coral (Mrs.)	2529 N. 4th St.	YG WEDDLE, Patricia (Miss)	3030 Garfield St.
	SMITH, Elsie (Mrs. John)	1529 N. 2nd St.	WEINBECK, Alberta (Mrs. Hans)	2428 Roosevelt St.
	SNELL, George	269 13th Ave. N.	WEINBECK, Louis	2428 Roosevelt St.
SF	SNELL, Wilma (Mrs. George)	269 13th Ave. N.	WELLMAN, Toni (Mrs. Thomas)	V. A. Domiciliary
GG	SORENSEN, Ethel (Mrs. A. J.)	1030 1/2 N. 2nd St.	YG WELLMAN, Toni (Miss)	V. A. Domiciliary
SF	SORENSEN, Bessie (Miss)	3027 Roosevelt St.	WHITE, Wm. J.	3210 Cleveland St.
MC	STEELE, George H.	1207 Pershing Blvd.	WHITE, Lottie (Mrs. Wm. J.)	3210 Cleveland St.
	STEELE, Nellie (Mrs. George)	1207 Pershing Blvd.	WHITE, John F.	1521 12th Ave. S.
MC	STEVENSON, James	2011 N. 2nd St.	SF WHITE, Ruth (Mrs. John F.)	1521 12th Ave. S.
	STEVENSON, Betty (Mrs. James)	2011 N. 2nd St.	MC WHITE, George W.	238 32nd Ave. N.
	STREMLOW, George	2202 N. 5th St.	GG WHITE, Judy (Mrs. George W.)	238 32nd Ave. N.
	STOLTENBERG, Wm. E.	3306 Cleveland St.	MC WILKINSON, Earl	1328 Grandview
SF	STOLTENBERG, Ada (Mrs. Wm. E.)	3306 Cleveland St.	GG WILKINSON, Laura (Mrs. Earl)	1328 Grandview
	STOLTENBERG, Chas. W.	2211 Garfield St.	MC WILKINSON, Ralph	339 1st Ave.
	STOLTENBERG, Helen (Mrs.)	1928 Roosevelt St.	SH WILKINSON, Camella (Mrs. Ralph)	339 1st Ave.
YG	STOLTENBERG, Jolene (Mrs.)	1928 Roosevelt St.	MC WILKINSON, Arnold	2101 Iowa Ave.
	STUEDEMAN, Earl	3411 Cleveland St.	SH WINTER, Marilyn (Mrs. Henry)	1915 N. 5th St.
	STUEDEMAN, Donald	3411 Cleveland St.	MC WONDERS, Glen	2224 Garfield St.
	THOMAS, Marvin L.	Camanche, Iowa	SF WONDERS, Virginia (Mrs. Glen)	2224 Garfield St.
MC	THOMAS, Marjorie (Mrs. Marvin L.)	Camanche, Iowa	YG WONDERS, Judith	
SF	TOMPSON, Gary	3310 Cleveland St.	SH ZASTROW, Lillian (Mrs. Gerald)	86 31st Ave. N.
MC	TUCKER, Philo H.	2915 Pershing Blvd.	ZAISER, Paul	Camanche, Iowa
YG	TUCKER, Thomas	2915 Pershing Blvd.	ZAISER, Valaryen (Mrs. Paul)	Camanche, Iowa
YG	TUCKER, Gerald	2915 Pershing Blvd.	GG ZIEGLER, Sadie (Mrs.)	1702 Roosevelt St.
	TUCKING, Joe	Charlotte, Iowa		
	TAYLOR, William	1707 N. 2nd St.		
	VATH, Flora (Mrs.)	2343 Cleveland St.		
SF	VULICH, Helene (Mrs. Michael)	2453 S. 14th St.		

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